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HEATED ARGUMENTS AT PEACE CONFERENCE

JAPANESE GIVE "FRIENDLY PROTECTION."

Discrimination in Villages.

Shanghai, April 1.
The Japanese have adopted a new discriminatory system of tagging the Chinese villagers in the war areas under their control.

In the village of Lotien, near Shanghai, for instance, the line is sharply divided between the two groups of Chinese residents, the tagged and the untagged.

The Japanese troops offer friendly protection only to those Chinese civilians who have accepted and willingly wear tags supplied to them by the Japanese authorities, which consist of small white pieces of cloth, numbered and identifying each Chinese wearer.

Restrictions on Untagged.

Untagged members of the community seem sullen and unhappy. They are not permitted by the Japanese to converse with foreigners and they avoid the Japanese military as far as possible.

JAPANESE BADLY INJURED.

ASSAULT IN FRENCHTOWN.

Shanghai, Apr. 1, 11.25 a.m.
The Japanese are highly incensed following a mob attack on a Japanese printer in the French Concession yesterday afternoon.

The man, who was 27 years of age, was attacked and terribly beaten by an infuriated mob, consisting mainly of coolies, who left him lying unconscious in the street.

He would probably have been killed but for the arrival of a French lico rescue party, who took him to hospital.

BOMB INCIDENT SEQUEL.

VICTIM SUCCUMBS IN HOSPITAL.

Chen, the coolie who was badly injured by the bomb explosion in the compound of St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, died at the Government Hospital at 5 o'clock this day.

The man had been practically unconscious ever since his removal to hospital. It now seems certain that the police will be unable to solve the mystery surrounding the explosion.

IMMINENT CHINESE WEDDING.

UNKNOWN FAMILIES TO UNITE.

A wedding will take place between two well-known families tomorrow at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, when Miss L. Ma, the second daughter of Mr. Ma, Chinese ex-Minister of Education, will become the bride of Mr. W. M. Ma, the third son of Mr. Ma, Chinese ex-Minister of Education.

A large attendance is expected at the ceremony in view of the fact that both families are so prominent.

A newly-married couple will leave for Manila on the 5th April. President Hoover on their return trip.

ON THE VERGE OF BREAK-UP.

JAPANESE INTRODUCE POLITICAL ISSUE.

DEMAND A SETTLEMENT BEFORE RETREAT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Apr. 1, 1.08 p.m.
A LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROCEEDINGS DURING YESTERDAY'S ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS INDICATES IT WAS TOUCH AND GO AS TO WHETHER THE BREAK-DOWN WOULD BE FINAL OR NOT. BITTER FEELINGS WERE EXPRESSED ON BOTH SIDES, BUT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO MEET AGAIN.

The delegates declines to reveal the exact nature of the discussions, but I learn from a very reliable source that the results of the day's two conferences were, firstly, at the Military Sub-Committee meeting, the Chinese delegates agreed to permit the Japanese troops to withdraw to four of the five areas cited by the Japanese and outlined in my cable of yesterday, and secondly, at the same meeting, the Japanese agreed to establish a time-limit for the withdrawal of troops to the second lines of defence, adjacent to Shanghai, as would be agreed upon.

Everything at this stage seemed to be going well, but acrimony began to enter when the Japanese replied with a flat refusal to the Chinese demand for the creation of a definite time-limit within which the Japanese forces must withdraw entirely from Chinese territory.

FLAT REFUSALS ON BOTH SIDES.

The delegates then, for a while, got back to a discussion of the original subject, the disposition of the Japanese troops on their withdrawal from their present lines.

The Chinese consented to four of the five areas but the fifth, in the vicinity of Chenju Station, which the Japanese requested they should be permitted to occupy as a temporary defence position, was refused by the Chinese.

It became the subject of a very heated discussion and still remains unsolved.

The Chinese demanded then that the Japanese authorities must state a definite period for transition between the present situation and normalcy, when all Japanese troops will be withdrawn either to Japan or to the confines of the International Settlement.

JAPAN'S DEMAND.

The Japanese contended that before the final withdrawal of their troops, a general conference must be convened to settle outstanding political questions.

The Chinese were highly indignant at the suggestion and declared plainly that the complete withdrawal of the Japanese forces must precede discussions of political problems.

With this rather heated discussion was going on among the military delegates, the main conference, where the civilian delegates were discussing different issues, decided that the Chinese troops should keep to their present line.

HEATED ARGUMENTS.

It has been declared that an understanding was reached regarding the time-table of the Japanese withdrawal to their second line of defence. It is known, however, that this agreement was followed by heated arguments, by both sides, when the question of the further withdrawal into the Settlement was brought up for discussion.

As the Japanese delegates demand a time-table for withdrawal from the Settlement, the Chinese are apparently quite prepared to set a time-table for their withdrawal to a second line.



The Japanese are still suffering casualties as a result of almost daily skirmishes along the Shanghai front. Our photo shows ambulance men taking a wounded comrade back.

ARMISTICE TALKS FUTILE.

Geneva Cables Humming.

IMPATIENCE ON BOTH SIDES.

Geneva, Mar. 31.
It is futile to continue the armistice discussion in Shanghai in the opinion of the Chinese Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, who has cabled to Mr. W. W. Yen, informing him that the Japanese are adamant in refusing to withdraw completely.

Meanwhile, Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, who has played an important part in the peace parleys, has also cabled to Geneva reporting further warlike incidents in the region of Taichang (Taichang)—*Reuter*.

KIRIN "REBELS" CAPITULATE.

ASSISTING THE NEW REGIME.

Harbin, April 1.
It is reported that the Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Second Brigades of the old Kirin Army have capitulated and are enrolling in the new army.

The Twenty-Eighth Brigade arrived from Imlenpo this morning and it is reported that it will be transferred to the southern line for suppression of bandits. The Twenty-Second Brigade will be stationed at Imlenpo.—*Reuter*.

line, but refuse point blank to consider further steps until outstanding questions have been settled.

The Chinese in their turn, state that they cannot enter into any negotiations for the settlement of political questions until the Japanese troops have withdrawn, either to Japan, or to within the boundaries of the International Settlement.

On this point, the delegates are completely at loggerheads, and there is, further, sign of impatience on both sides.

FRONT LINE EVENTS.

It is reported that skirmishes are becoming more frequent in the Taichang area; several stiff brushes having occurred. Chinese reports state that an attack was launched by a detachment of about four hundred men, their objective being unknown. They were driven off, it is claimed, after suffering considerable casualties.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are establishing machine-gun nests at Chenju, well behind their present front lines, and at Hwangtu. It is also reported that the Japanese are commencing to modernise the fortifications of Woban.

THE VILLAGE RD. MURDER.

TWO MEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

DETAINED ON RIVERBOAT.

An important development in connexion with the crime in Village Road last week, when Mr. George Fung was fatally wounded by an unknown assailant, who shot him in the back, coincided yesterday afternoon with the arrival of the Canton boat, C.I.D. men, waiting on the wharf, took two of the arrivals into custody.

Following the shooting, police enquiries led to the belief that jealousy was the motive and they have conducted their investigations on this assumption.

Several persons have been closely questioned.

Hired Assassin.

The Police have good reason to believe that the murder was committed by the principal in the affair but that the assassin was hired for the purpose. The name of the person suspected of instigating the crime was in the possession of the Police very shortly after their investigations had commenced but it was found that he had left for Canton.

It was not until yesterday afternoon that the Police were able to make another move in the process of their investigations, but on the arrival of the Canton boat they detained two men who are now in custody.

Police Difficulties.

It is not considered advisable to reveal the identity of the men arrested, as a high Police official this morning intimated that the difficulty of bringing the crime home to any individual was enhanced by the inability of Miss Lai Ming-fay, who was with the murdered man, to assist in identification. The shot had been fired and the assailant had slipped into a side lane almost simultaneously.

DESCENT ON WALL STREET.

WASHINGTON SEARCH FOR REVENUE.

MARKET TAXES.

Washington, Mar. 31.
Continuing their quest for new sources of revenue in their budget-balancing drive, the House of Representatives today turned its attention to Wall Street despite the keenest opposition of members from New York.

The House voted taxes of one quarter of one per cent. on the sale prices of stocks and shares, five cents per \$500 on the sales of grain, cotton and other produce, fifty cents per \$500 on real estate conveyances, and one-eighth of one per cent. on all bond transactions.—*Reuter's American Service*.

DOLLAR SLIGHTLY DOWN.

SILVER AGAIN ON THE DECLINE.

With silver down both in London and New York, the Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th this morning, the rate being 1s. 3/4d. The market locally is inclined to be easy.

Silver fell a farthing in London, both spot and forward. Speculators bought, and China operated both ways. The market was quiet. After the official fixing, there was no special feature, the market being uncertain.

In New York, where the market was easy, there was a drop of 1/8th. The cross-rate has improved to 3.80.



Our photo shows one of the numerous Chinese snipers, who continue their activities in the region of the Japanese lines.

DARTMOOR TRIAL SENSATION.

LETTER TO AN OFFICIAL.

"WHY I STARTED THE FIRE."

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Mar. 31.

An amazing statement, in the course of which one of the convicts accused in connexion with the Dartmoor Prison mutiny in January last is alleged to have admitted that he was responsible for starting the fire, was read in court at Princetown today.

This dramatic statement wound up the case for the prosecution during the hearing of the charges against the thirty-two alleged ringleaders.

The letter was addressed to Major Pannall of the Governor's Office and was signed by James Cosgrave.

"I am Not Sorry."

It states:

"I was standing outside the Governor's Office which was all smashed up. I entered by a window and found six men there. I got hold of a newspaper and started the fire. I then left the building."

"I am not sorry. I have my own reasons for what I did. I would do the same again. I will let the Home Office know why I started the fire, later."

Committed for Trial.

All the accused were committed for trial with the exception of a man named Richardson, who was discharged, and another named Delhurst, who is to give evidence. Cosgrave is the man who saved the life of one of the prison officials, intervening when a crowd of convicts seemed likely to attack him.

CANADA AND THE FREE STATE.

OTTAWA REPORT DENIED.

Ottawa, Mar. 31.
A most emphatic denial of the report in a local paper regarding a possible refusal of a seat at the Imperial Economic Conference to the Irish Free State was given by the Prime Minister, Mr. R. B. Bennett, in the House of Commons.

The report, already denied unofficially, suggested that Canada contemplated refusal if Ireland abolished the Oath of Allegiance. It was pointed out that the Government had not even considered the matter.

Mr. Bennett said that the Free State had already accepted an invitation to the Conference and had agreed to a postponement of the opening of the conference from July 15 to July 21, to suit the convenience of some of the delegates.

AFTER SIX YEARS.

COMPRADORE IN POLICE HANDS.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

A serious charge, which had been hanging over the head of accused for over six years, was outlined at the Central Magistrate's court this morning when Robert Yip, formerly the compradore of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co. Limited (since succeeded by Messrs. Rolfs, Massey & Co., Ltd.) was charged with the embezzlement of \$42,900 from the firm by which he was employed.

The case came before Mr. Wynne-Jones, Esq., District Magistrate (represented by Mr. D. V. Stevenson) having been instructed to appear for the prosecution, with Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. representing the police.

Mr. Stevenson explained that the charge arose out of the Stock Exchange collapse of 1925.

Since then, certain arrangements had been made to secure re-payment of the money by the sale of certain property shared by the accused. They hoped to complete the sale shortly, meanwhile asking that the charge be withdrawn, on the ground that it was old, and that it was difficult to prove, because Mr. Mackenzie, whose affidavit led to the proceedings, was now in Shanghai.

Police Object.

Mr. Murphy informed the Court that the police desired a short remand to go further into "his case," as they did not altogether agree to the charge being dropped at this stage.

Accused, in reply to the charge, declared that the whole amount had been covered—that it was under security.

Been Abroad.

Mr. Stevenson conjectured that the trouble arose out of a compradore's agreement and losses on the share market. He explained that Yip had been abroad and came back about a month ago. Owing to his absence, they had not executed a warrant for his arrest. "He returned and tried to get a driver's licence yesterday at the Central Police Station—rather a come-down for a compradore," commented Mr. Stevenson.

His Worship held that he could not refuse the police application, and granted a remand for one week, allowing bail in the sum of \$1,000.

DANUBIAN BLOC QUESTION.

GREAT POWERS MEETING NEXT WEEK.

London, Mar. 31.
A meeting of representatives of the four Great Powers, to make a preliminary survey of the Danubian problem and to lay down guiding principles for the assistance of a later conference of the Danubian States, will be held in London about the middle of next week.—*British Wireless*.

RUBBER PLANTER MYSTERY.

FOUND DEAD ON RIVIERA.

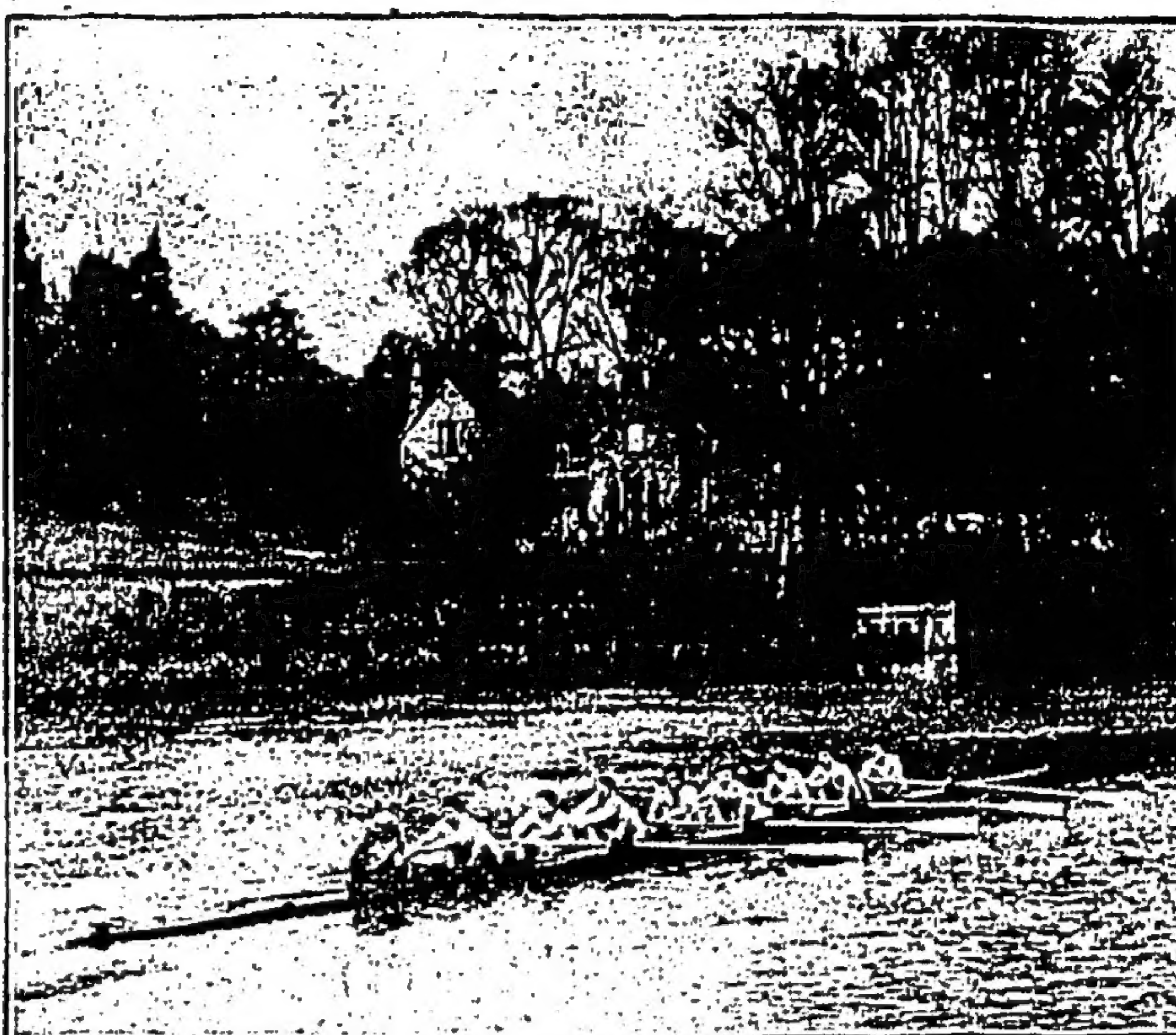
Nice, Apr. 1.
Mr. Ernest M. T. Cummins, a well-known Malay States rubber planter, who has been living since last summer in a small villa at Monte Carlo, has been found dead in circumstances which have created a mystery.

The police are investigating the case.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S ADVENTURE: CAMBRIDGE CREW ON THAMES AT GORING.



TAKING THE FIRST FENCE in the Tweekdown Open Cup at the Aldershot Military Meeting. There was a field of twenty five for the race, which was won by the Mr. J. P. A. G. Graham's Lane. (Times copyright).



A picture taken near Goring showing the Cambridge boat race crew returning from a morning outing. (Times copyright).



The three French airmen, MM. Reginoni, Touge, and Lenoir, photographed on their arrival at Algiers with members of the rescue party after their hazardous adventure in the Sahara, where they were stranded after a forced landing. M. Reginoni (see reading telegram) marched 75 miles across the desert to seek help. (Times copyright).

THREE KINDS OF LOVE by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

Ann and Cecily Fenwick have for years supported themselves their younger sister, Mary-Frances, and their grandmothers, known as "Grandma" and "Grandpa." Because of this financial responsibility, Ann, who is 28, is unable to marry Phil Eryod, young lawyer, to whom she has been engaged for eight years. Cecily, 22, loves Harry McKel, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses to name their wedding date for the same reason.

Mary-Frances is, and still is, school, believes herself in love with Earl De Armount, vaudeville actor whom she has met without the knowledge of her sisters. He urges her to leave home and become his stage partner.

Ann and Phil quarrel when she hears Earl King, who works in Phil's office building, address her with compliments. Ann tries to forget Phil by going about with Kenneth Smith, rich and attentive, but when Smith asks her to marry him she refuses.

Mary-Frances agrees to go away with the Armount. They set out in his car. The same day Cecily quarrels with her grand father, she comes home with news that she and Harry are to be married that evening.

Ann discovers Mary-Frances a missing, learns she has eloped with the Armount. Ann discovers a search is being made.

CHAPTER XLIV

"No, I think not," Joe Hill told "Ann over the telephone. "The garage people said that he mentioned Blumount for to-night, and his landlady said she heard him say that he was going to Blumount. There is a popular resort there, you know. They may have gone there for—well, first, and planned to go north later. I don't know what it's worth, but his landlady said he seemed a decent enough fellow—quiet at least, and not a drinker nor a drug addict. She claimed to like him. Said he paid his bills. I couldn't get anything around the theatre—nobody seemed to know anything about him. I'll be getting along now. I think I'll start scouting the highways. Heard from Uncle Chaney?"

"He called. But only to find out about the make of the car."

"All right. Don't give up hope. I'll call later."

Ann waited. The telephone bell.

"Miss Fenwick, Ermintrude says that the man said he was only 22 years old. That is better, isn't it, than if he were older? And, dear, from what Ermintrude says, I am sure that as yet everything has been—well, perfectly harmless."

"As yet," said Ann.

"Yes, but she's only a child, and we'll get her home again. We'll find ways to keep her happy and sweet. She'll forget. I want so much to help you, later. I've been thinking of ways I can help—when we get her home again—if you'll let me. I must. I—I—Well, I'll call you later."

Ann thought, "Now, isn't that odd? That pretty, fat little Mrs. Hill is crying, and I'm not crying at all."

She waited. The telephone bell.

"Hello. Hello. Walnut 58457. Hold the line, please. Long distance is calling Miss Pennywick from Cutter."

ing—Charey Hostetter. I'm out here at a place named Fenwick—no, Cutter, I mean. Well, the constable says that a couple passed through here this evening being lickety-cut in a car as described. About six o'clock. Lickety-cut—he could just see that it was a fellow and a girl. Of course, there are lots of yellow cars and all—still, I don't know. Heard from Joe?"

"Yes. He says that the man did have a desk that he said he had to return to Denver, and that he has taken it with him."

"Ugh—Huh? Well, I kind of thought that from the first. Now, what I was thinking was that I might as well come in and get hold of Joe and—well, kind of put this thing up to the police after all. If that was them passing through here in the yellow car they're headed for Denver—but it isn't going to do much good for me to trail along after them, three hours behind, in this broken down old boat of mine. We could get telegrams going on ahead—India, Mendol Surings, Topknot Point—I got a road map here—so on. What do you think?"

"Oh, yes. I think yes. Perhaps I'd best get in touch with the police right away and not wait for Mr. Hill."

"Haven't heard yet from the folks that went to Blumount?"

"No. I don't understand it. I'm expecting a call every second now. There must have been time."

"Well, I'll tell you what. You wait till you hear from the folks at Blumount. There's a dog's chance from that direction. I'll was you, I'd wait and let Joe or me go to the police. It's a man's job, not a lady's. If you hear from Joe, you tell him what I said. I'll come right on in now."

Ann waited. The telephone bell.

"Miss Fenwick, I was thinking. Mr. Eryod is a lawyer, isn't he? If he knows the district attorney, and we do have to go to the police, mightn't he be able to keep it out of the papers?"

"I thought of that, Mrs. Hill. He's a friend of the district attorney's. But he isn't at home. I can't reach him. But Mr. Hostetter just telephoned, and he said—"

"Oh, I don't know, dear," Mrs. Hill disputed, when Ann had finished telling her what Uncle Chaney had said. "No, I don't know. To me it seems so important to keep it absolutely quiet."

"Not as important as getting her home again. No. Not nearly."

"Well, dear—yes. More important, in some ways. It isn't as if she didn't have to go on with her life, and her school and so on, right here in Portland."

"But she doesn't. She wouldn't at all. I could take her away—anywhere. I've had an opportunity lately—I've decided positively, this evening—to accept it. I can take her some place where it has never been heard of. We can live there—always Switzerland—anywhere. I can take good care of her. Give her things—"

"I know. But she is so young. And scandals do follow—come up—"

"Only, you see, Mrs. Hill," Ann's voice was low and formal, "scandals don't matter. You—she is my sister. My baby sister. You see—that is all that matters. She is my baby sister. And I have to get her back. I have to get her with me and take care of her. You take good care of Ermintrude. Mary-Frances is my baby sister, and—"

"Dear, I know. I know," Mrs. Hill was crying again. "But it is her life, not yours. You haven't heard from Blumount, of course?"

"No, but—"

"Wait, at least, until you do. Wait until Joe comes back, and we'll all talk it over again together. Please. I'm older than you are. Such things—I—Well, I'll call you later."

Ann waited. The telephone bell.

"Hello. Walnut 58457. Long distance calling Miss Fenwick from Proutville."

"I am Miss Fenwick."

"Hello. Hello, Proutville. Here's your party. Go ahead, please."

"Ann, they aren't at Blumount."

"Are you sure? Classy, are you sure?"

"There's only one hotel there, and one store, and a few little houses. Everyone knows everyone else—we have to be sure."

"Classy—Classy—Classy—Classy—"

"Don't, dear. Don't."

"Where are you now? Why didn't you call me from Blumount?"

"The long distance place was closed. This is the first town where we could put through a call. We're coming right in, and—"

"But what will we do? What will we do? I don't care what anyone says, I'm going to the police. I'm—"

"Wait, Ann. Barry says his uncle knows a man who could keep it out of the papers."

"I can't stand it any longer. We need real help."

"But you have to. As Barry says, it isn't as if the police could reach right out and get her immediately. They can't. But just one little paragraph about Jonathan Fenwick's granddaughter, and Mary-Frances will be beyond the pale. Barry says—"

"I don't care what Barry says. She may be somewhere this minute, frightened, crying, trapped—"

"You're thinking about moving pictures."

"How can you!"

"Ann, I don't want to be mean. But she is my sister, too, and—"

"Wait. Someone is at the front door. It might be—"

She ran to the door and wrenched it open.

Philip Eryod was standing there. He came into the hall and put his arms around Ann.

"You beautiful! I've come home. Dear, dearest, I got your message, and I came at once. I'd have crawled, Ann, but it took too long—"

"Ann said, 'Don't. I was talking over the telephone,' and ran back to the dining room. Philip followed her and heard her say:—"

"No, it was only Phil. Yes. Yes, of course. Yes, I'm sure he can. Yes. You know how careful he is."

She hung up the receiver.

Phil put his arms around her again. "Dearest, you'll listen and forgive me? Give me one more chance? It was all my fault."

"Never mind," said Ann, though she stayed in his arms from long habit. "We are in deep, terrible trouble. It is—"

"It is—"

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"It is—"

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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Geneva	19 7/16	19 1/2
Berlin	16 1/2	16 1/2
Oslo	18 29/32	18 1/2
Helsingfors	21 1/2	21 1/2
Athens	200	200
Buenos Aires	37 1/2	37 1/2
Shanghai	1 7/8	1 7/8
New York	3 7/8	3 7/8
Amsterdam	9 3/32	9 1/32
Vienna	32	32
Madrid	49 1/2	49 1/2
Bucharest	63 1/2	63 1/2
Hongkong	1 13/16	1 13/16
Brussels	72 1/2	72 1/2
Milan	18 1/2	18 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2	18 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague	127	128 1/2
Lisbon	109 1/2	110
Rio	4	4
Bombay	1 6/32	1 6/32
Yokohama	1 9/32	1 9/32
Montevideo	4 1/2	4 1/2
Montreal	17 1/2	17 1/2
Silver (spot)	17 1/2	17 1/2
(forward)	17 1/2	17 1/2

—British Wireless.

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 116.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Pier east of Eastern Street," will be received, at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 11th day of April, 1932, for the occupation for a period commencing from the notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1932, of a pier as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 10th March, 1932, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset monthly fee \$200. Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the sum of \$250 has been deposited into the Colonial Treasury, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the accepted tenderer refusing to carry out the terms of his tender.

The deposits of the unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1932.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

New Course.

9.24 Mrs. Sherry, J. S. Dykes.

9.32 Mrs. E. P. Fletcher, J. C. Dunbar.

Old Course.

9.0—9.20 a.m. not to be booked by travellers on 8.28 train.

9.24 Felix Ellis, C. F. Hyde.

9.28 G. A. Lelper, D. J. Mackie.

9.32 G. C. Warral, L. M. S. Lloyd.

9.36 C. B. Brown, R. W. Taplin.

9.40 C. W. Jeffries, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

9.44 W. R. Vallance, A. O. Brawn.

9.48 W. C. Shields, Capt. J. H. Anderson.

9.52 Cdr. T. E. Donkey, W. D. Denham.

9.56 P. S. Grant, P. R. S. Walsham.

10.00 Lt. Cdr. R. H. McBean, C. W. F. Booker.

10.04 J. Mandracchia, A. Dinsdale.

10.08 A. C. Braine-Hartnell, E. T. E. Nash.

10.12 E. P. Fletcher, W. D. Harris.

10.16 G. R. Horridge, G. E. R. Divett.

10.20 A. O. Halsey, K. K. Rounds.

10.24 A. D. Humphreys, A. Sommerfeld.

10.28 G. H. Bond, E. Kern.

10.32 K. W. Jones, G. W. Tolmie.

10.36 A. C. I. Bowker, Hon. Cdr. G. F. Hole.

10.40 R. Young, A. Leuch.

10.44 H. H. Pethick, J. W. Mayhew.

10.48 L. R. Andrews, J. B. Lanyon.

10.52 A. Kidd, J. B. MacDonald.

10.56 A. E. Lisaman, J. G. Campbell.

11.00 A. Webster, G. Dalgarano.

11.04 D. M. Richards, S. S. Perry.

11.08 R. C. Webb, H. S. Bailey.

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INSURANCE COMPANY.

CROWN LIFE OF TORONTO OPENS LOCAL BRANCH.

The Crown Life Insurance Company of Toronto, Canada, which has commenced operations in this Colony, was incorporated by act of the Canadian Parliament in 1900. The Company's President is the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert L. Boyden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., D.C.L., LL.D., who was Canada's first-time Premier. Sir Robert is also Chairman of Barclay's Bank (Canada), one of the world's greatest banking institutions.

H. R. Stephenson, F.A.S., A.L.A., past-president of the Life Officers Association of Canada, is the Company's General Manager, and Mr. M. Axelrod, of perhaps more extensive world wide experience than any other life officer, is General Agency Manager. Among the Directors of the Company are C. W. Somers, President of the Canada Grain Co., Erichson Brown, K.C., H. S. Burns, Assistant General Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and Grant Hall, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. F. J. Courtney Manager of the Crown Life Insurance Co., Inc., of Shanghai General Agents of the Colony says, "The story of the progress of the Crown Life is something of a romance; after its first 10 years of operations it had \$30,000,000.00 of insurance in force, after 10 years more in 1920 it had \$23,000,000.00 in force. In 1925 it had \$30,000,000.00 and to-day it has approximately \$41,000,000.00.

Extensive Business. "This Company to-day does an annual volume of business greater than its total amount of insurance in force after its first 20 years of existence. And at the same time, its growth of assets, new business, and reserves have maintained about the same pace. Considering that the Company has never incurred the business of any other Company, its growth has been among the most rapid of all Life Companies.

"Despite the fact that virtually all its investments are in Government-Guaranteed and Municipal Bonds, and first mortgages on Canadian City property, its average rate of interest earned exceeds 6 per cent. The Company declares dividends annually or five-yearly to its policy-holders.

"Until last year the Company has confined its activities to Canada, the U.S.A., and West Indies. It has recently entered the British Isles, Egypt, India, China and Hawaii and is extending its operations to this Colony.

Mr. Courtney announces that the new office for the Company will be located on the second floor of Gloucester Building and shall be ready for occupation about April 5. Meanwhile the Company has occupied Suite 417 Gloucester Building, telephone 28420.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE.

DECISION TO REOPEN THIS MORNING.

Shanghai, Mar. 31.

At the annual general meeting of the Stock Exchange, held to-day, it was decided that the exchange reopen to-morrow, after nearly two months' suspension of activities, but for the time being transactions will be confined to cash.

The bond market is not opening yet, but brisk business in domestic bonds is reported to be going on unofficially, buyers being in the majority.

To-morrow also there is to be a general reopening of Chinese shops in the Settlement, except the northern districts. There has been a partial suspension of business since early in the war, and business circles of the northern districts are asking the Shanghai Municipal Council for full protection by the police, and withdrawal of armed Japanese patrols, before they follow the lead of the other Chinese shopkeepers in the Settlement.—*Reuter Special.*

MALTA ARRESTS.

CHARGES BY MOUNTED POLICE.

Malta, Feb. 29. Arrests were made to-day after an organised Nationalist mass meeting, at which between 5,000 and 6,000 were present, had ended in disorder.

Mounted police made several charges and there was considerable stonethrowing.

The Nationalists passed a resolution demanding the dismissal of the present Ministers of the Crown and the restoration of the unamended constitution of 1921.

The resolution also demanded, in effect, against the recommendation of the Royal Commission, that the British Government should withdraw its troops from the island, and that the Government should be replaced by a Nationalist Government. The resolution also demanded that the British Government should withdraw its troops from the island, and that the Government should be replaced by a Nationalist Government.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at General Post Office that on and after 1st February no taxed correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted and holders are requested to call or send for the correspondence at the Post Office Lobby and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Small	April 1
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 4th March)	Pres. Harrison	April 1
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Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	April 1
Japan	Arabia Maru	April 1
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Japan	Ghnyo Maru	April 1
Japan	Brisbane Maru	April 1
Calcutta and Straits	Takada	April 1
Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	April 1
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 10th March)	Pres. Cleveland	April 1
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	April 1

For	Per	Date and Time
Bangkok	Hermos	Fri., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Derrlinger	Fri., Apr. 1, 4.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Madison	Fri., Apr. 1, 4.30 p.m.
	Parcels	1st April, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 4.15 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C., 19th April)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Madison	Fri., Apr. 1, 4.30 p.m.
	Parcels	1st April, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 4.15 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Apr. 1, 4 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Fri., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane	Nankin	Sat., Apr. 2, 1 p.m.
	Parcels	1st April, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	1st April, 5 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 5 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 19th April)	

*Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Sat., Apr. 2, 1 p.m.
	Reg.	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 1st May)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Burdwan	Sat., Apr. 2, 1 p.m.
	Parcels	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 1st May)	

Amoy	Parcels	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
Haliphong	Reg.	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Letters	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	G.P.O.	
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
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	Reg.	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 1st May)	

East and South Africa and South American Ports	Arabia Maru Tues. Apr. 5, 1
Sandakan	Hinsang
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining
Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Brisbane Maru
	Parcels
	Reg. Apr. 5,
	Letters, Apr. 6,
	(Due Brisbane, 18th Apr.)

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,475 b.
Chartered Bank, \$12 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$20.
East Asia, \$115 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,250 n.
Union Ins., \$470 n.
China Underwriters, \$4 b.
China Fire, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,195 n. x. Div.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$27 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$19½ n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$12.25 b.
Kallans, 25/- n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.
Raubs, \$37½ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$142 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$27 n.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$4.50 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15 s.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. K. Hotels, \$13.75 n. Cum Rts.
H. K. Hotels Rts. \$2.50 b.
H. K. Lands, \$76¼ b.
Shai Lands, Tls. 27 n.
Humphreys, \$18 n.
Realities, \$10.90 n.

Public Utilities.

Thamways, \$21.10 b.
Peak Trans. (old), \$15.50 n.
Star Ferries, \$92½ n.
China Lights, \$21 n.
H. K. Electric, \$72¼ b.
Macao Electric, \$24½ b.
Telephones, \$41 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Traction, 3/- n.

Industrials.

Malabons, \$22 a.
Canton Ice, \$5½ n.
Cements (com.), \$18.50 n. x. Div.
Ropes, \$17¼ n. Cum Div.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28.75 n.
Watsons, \$15.50 b.
Watsons Rights, \$3½ n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$5.50 n.
Macintosh, \$19 b.
Sinceres, \$15¼ b.
Powells, \$3.50 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20.80 b.
Entertainments (old), \$14.90 n.
Constructions (old), \$6.15 n.
S. C. Enterprises, \$10 n.
B. Ind. G. & Bonds, \$58% n.
Loans, \$4% s. Prem.
Constructions (new), \$1.75 n.
Asia Realities "A", \$160 n.
Asia Realities "B", \$30n.
Art: O. Finance Corp., \$29 n.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close
of the sugar market yesterday has
been received by Messrs. Pen-
treath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 5/8 down ¼d.
May 1932 4/10½ down ¼d.
August 1932 5/2½ down ¼d.
December 1932 5/5½ down ¼d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers
asking ¼d.-½d. more.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.04 up 1 pt.
May 1932 76 up 1 pt.
July 1932 83 up 1 pt.
September 1932 89 no change.
December 1932 96 up 2 pts.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

A STUDY IN BLACK AND WHITE.



Very formal and typical of Jean Patou's manner is this
blouse of white satin. Note the incrustations which are a
repetition of the work on the coat and skirt. A black and
white satin hat completes the ensemble where every piece is
in harmony with the other.

WOMEN MEN LIKE
TO DALLY WITH.

The women men eventually marry
and the women with whom they
like to appear in public are, with
but few exceptions, quite different
individuals.

Their wives-to-be must conform to
the mental image which every man
that creature of variety, sentiment
and moods, has formed for himself
of his future partner. She must be
domesticated, able to cook and sew,
have strong maternal instincts,
avoid extravagance, and be endowed
with a lovable, equable nature.

The companions of his lighter
moments, if the cynicism may be
pardoned, must have an appeal of
another, more ephemeral kind.

They should dress well and
correctly, be unconscious of their
clothes, and have that indefinable
something of personality which
lends piquancy and charm to their
slightest movements, gestures and
glances. If they are pretty, so
much the better, since a man's in-
ordinate vanity is tickled by the
onvious gaze of other males and a
place in the limelight assured for
him without conscious effort on his
part.

Mental Equipment.

As regards mental equipment
they should not be too clever or
brilliant, or if they really are so,
they should take pains to conceal
the fact, because the average man,
partly from the dread of making a
gaffe, partly from the desire to re-

main the "upper dog," shuns this
type as he would the plague.

They should be vivacious in
manner, and have an endless flow
of bright, inconsequential chatter,
since by this combination they
create the proper care-free atmos-
phere and make the duty of amu-
sing them slight and pleasant.

In habits they should be what is
popularly termed "good sports."
They should have distinct Bohemian
tastes; they should smoke, show dis-
crimination in cocktails and wines,
be ready to exchange banter or
witticisms, and be not averse at
any time from engaging in those
mild flirtations to which experience
can exact at a theatre or dance.

If they can do all this gracefully
and yet remain the fascinating
enigma which is woman, they are
"Ace high" with him.

They should be willing to fall in
with the moods of the moment,
showing enthusiasm whether it be
a question of making a fourth at
bridge or golf or tennis, or of
appearing within the reasonably
short notice which friendship alone
can exact at a theatre or dance.

In short they should be "good
pals," discreet, when necessary, to
the point of secrecy owing to the
comments which their innocent but
unorthodox movements cannot fail
to arouse, and charmingly contem-
ptuous of the restrictions which an
intolerant Mrs. Grundy seeks to
impose on good spirits.

As it to be wondered at that some
men even forgo marriage for such
idyllic pleasure?

BEAUTY HINTS.

[By Alicia Hart.]

No matter how much you may
take a cut in ages, psychologically,
this year, crows' feet give your
years away.

By crows' feet I do not mean
those nice little fine laugh lines
that experience brings a woman who
has met life valiantly, with a high
heart.

Eyes that crinkle as they laugh
are tremendously pleasing.

But there are lines about eyes
that come from other causes and
do not have the same pleasing effect.

The best way to treat these fine
lines is to prevent them. This
means that you who are under 30
should be giving the delicate skin
around your eyes plenty of oil in
which to thrive. It seems that
you should keep the fine muscles
firm by gentle massage.

If you have slipped up on pre-
vention and lines are appearing
that you greatly regret, the least
you can do is to work keeping them
from growing deeper.

Avoid Eye Strain.

Often these lines come from eye
strain. See a specialist. Perhaps
you need glasses for reading.

Avoid eye strain. Make sure
your house lighting system is all it
should be. And, rest your eyes
several times a day. The best way
to do this is to lie down, with a hot
pack on them. Fifteen minutes really
does wonders, if you take that
much time out from your routine
about 11 o'clock in the morning and
between four and five in the after-
noon.

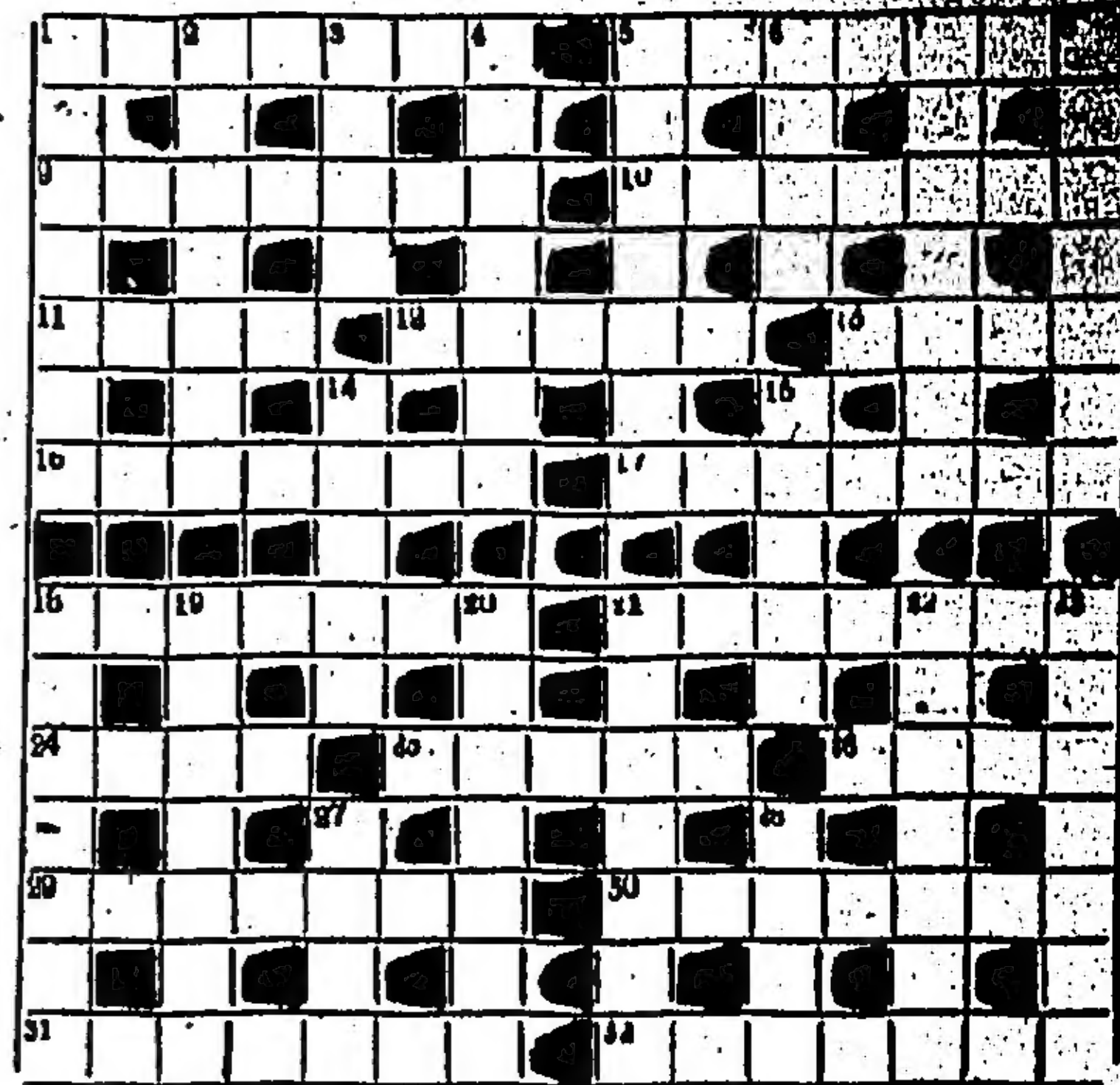
Begin immediately to give the
flesh around your eyes daily mas-
sage. There are eye muscle oils
that are very good. And nourish-
ing cream that is very rich will do.
But oils are really better. Massage
from the nose out to the temple
below the eye. Lift your finger and
massage from the nose out to the
temple over the lid. At the cor-
ners of the eye massage in a circular
line. This all helps a lot. But
you must do it religiously, morning
and night, if you really want results.

A Chinese Touch.



Chantal shows how daytime
frocks belted with authentic
Chinese embroidery and
worn with necklaces finished
with jade pendants carved to
match the motifs in the em-
broidery, such as the model
pictured.

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Across

- 1 'Twas —, and the silly toves,
- 5 Causing startling results. One
- 6 One of the things that the silly
- 7 Expression of joy at the death
- 8 Tenants who completely fill one
- 14 Describes the state of the
- 15 The ceremony is observed after
- 16 A feature of many a garden.
- 18 Describes the Jabberwock.
- 20 What the poor clerk did to his
- 21 Still there's a drink in it, though
- 22 You can't get this West Indian
- 23 He gave features and a farm to
- 27 Quite an ordinary sort, but gentle
- 28 Instant the telephone and this all

Down

- 1 Describes the boy who slew the
- 2 I am in it before the politician
- 3 This bird and its mate were once
- 4 Describes the gait of the boy on

Yesterday's Solution.

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COMING CONCERT.

BARTONE TO MAKE HIS
DEBUT HERE.

Hongkong music-lovers will be
interested to learn that Mr. Thomas
Lowe, baritone, will make his debut
at a song recital at the Helena May
Institute on Thursday, 14th instant,
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voice of great dramatic power and
presenting a programme sufficiently
varied to suit all tastes, including
operatic airs, Schubert lieder,
standard English songs and others
in lighter vein, this newcomer
should become very popular here.
He will be accompanied at the piano
by Miss M. Gomes and supported
in a trio by Mrs. Balean, Mrs.
Arnold and Miss Balean. Mrs.
Balean will also contribute violin
solos, accompanied by Miss L.

Pecker.

Last Evening's Concert.
There was quite a fair-sized
audience at the Helena May In-
stitute last evening, when the pro-
gramme was sustained by Mrs. E.
Snowden Jones (soprano), Mr. V.
Doronsky (violin) and Mr. A. M.
Boves Smith (piano), with Mr. F.
Mason as accompanist.
The star number of the pro-
gramme was undoubtedly the first
movement of Tschalkowsky's Con-
certo for Violin and Orchestra by
Mr. Boves Smith and Mr. Dorone-
vsky, the orchestral part being
taken by the piano. This was a
triumph for both artistes, Mr.
Boves Smith was also excellent in
his solo work, while Mr. Dorone-
vsky greatly pleased with his
violin solos. Mrs. Snowden Jones
gave much delight, especially with
her Elizabethan Love Songs.

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MODERN EDUCATION.

We are living in times when increasing attention is being paid to the technique of education. Many reforms have been instituted during the past two or three decades, but there is still a widespread feeling that much more needs to be accomplished. Except in limited circles, not a great deal has been heard of what is known as the Dalton Plan, but that it is achieving successes in various parts of the world seems indisputable. It has been tried in England, India, China, Poland and also in America, where it was evolved by a young practical teacher, Helen Parkhurst. What the results have been is disclosed in a book, "The Triumph of the Dalton Plan," recently published in London, in which evidence is brought to show that the Plan has won golden opinions wherever put into force and has brought new life to teachers and pupils alike.

The Dalton Plan is a technique in education which makes it possible for every child to discover for himself the delights of genuine intellectual effort and the sense of intellectual growth and mastery—and at the same time to enjoy the pleasures of intellectual comradeship with his teachers. He becomes responsible for his own progress in each part of his work, and neither his teachers nor his fellows stand any longer between him and his natural interests in the world and its history. Each child is in direct contact with this subject of study. He works independently in a room devoted to the literature and the tools of a particular subject. He has his own assignment of ground to be covered, and he moves forward at the pace which his native gifts and his personal experience make possible for him. He apportions time between his various subjects according to his own judgment. He learns how to learn, how to use text-books and authorities, how to gather his facts into generation, how to quarter the ground of a specific problem. And he is enabled to measure and record his own progress in understanding by the use of charts and graphs. The skill and intelli-

gence of the subject teacher are bent to the aim of stimulating the interest of each child, and meeting his needs at each step of his work, in personal tutoring and group discussions, and in the preparation of the "assignments" themselves. These assignments are more than mere outlines of the work to be covered; they are planned and phrased so as to provoke inquiry and to point to problems which it is within the grasp of the child to solve in the subject library. They are the vital instrument of the Dalton Plan. The teacher thus becomes a personal guide and helper to each of the children who work in his special field, and a sharer of their researches and discoveries. And the competitive spirit is no longer invoked to adulterate the aims and achievements of the child.

The question of learning or not learning is, in the bad old system of mass teaching, largely a personal contest between the will of the teacher and his pupils. The skill of the class teacher all too often lies in devising ways by which a large number of children of widely different abilities can be forced to attend all together to the same discourse, or perform the same task. Neither the task nor the discourse can, under such conditions, meet the real needs of more than a minority of the children at once. The rest run to seed, morally and intellectually. It is claimed for the Dalton Plan that it holds the promise of an educated democracy, for it gives its children more than an understanding of the art of thought, more than skill with the tools of discovery. It affords them an ample social education too. It brings the experience of co-operative effort in the pursuit of knowledge, and the emotional satisfactions of social intercourse directed to the life of the mind. One of its most striking results everywhere has been that the old bugbear question of "discipline" has dissolved away and ceased to trouble either teacher or child.

Is Democracy Safe?

"The March or Halts of Democracy Since the War" was the subject recently of a stimulating address by Mr. G. P. Gooch, an eminent British authority both on the history of Europe and its present Constitution. Observing the ups and downs of democracy across the Continent, he commented more severely on the dictatorship of Mussolini than on that of Stalin; for Russia had never possessed liberty, whereas Fascist rule, in his opinion, had "stunted and dwarfed Italians," though it "had made Italy greater in the material sense." He glanced uneasily at the despotism of Marshal Pilsudski in Poland, and at the political machines which thwarted self-government in Hungary and Rumania. He recognised the double danger from the Right and the Left in Germany, and urged that help be given to the moderate Government. He concluded that in spite of the setbacks due to poverty, fear of war, political corruption and coalitions, the tide still is running in the direction of democratic government. Mr. Gooch was both judicious and pointed in putting his finger on the conditions which have militated against the forms of democracy. But did he sufficiently examine those elements which threaten democracy from within? Did he not too readily assume that the ideal of democracy is fulfilled wherever representative government is established and the representatives are elected by a free and secret ballot? The importance of these devices few liberal-minded persons will deny. But they are not in themselves sufficient to save a country from perversions of democracy which have threatened from time to time to bring democracy itself into contempt. It would be folly to deny that a democratic form of government may produce weaknesses such as those which led to the recent dictatorship in Spain, or made many Italians welcome Mussolini as the saviour of his country. Democracy still has elements within itself which are its own greatest danger, and the most urgent political need of the moment is that its champions should recognise and face them and rescue it from the disruptive tendencies which have again and again, from the time of the ancient Greeks down to our own day, brought about its downfall. Mr. Gooch said that he had no fear that Englishmen would

DAY BY DAY

THE MOST CONFIDENT CRITICS ARE THOSE WHO KNOW LEAST ABOUT THE MATTER CRITICISED.—General Grant.

"A Village Concert" to be given by the Red Triangle Concert Party on Tuesday, April 5, at 9 p.m., will be held at the Helena May Institute, Garden Road, and not at the Cathedral Hall as previously announced.

Whilst handling iron bars at the Kowloon Godowns last night, one of the workmen, Ng Fook-sing, of 7, Hapshong Road, received an injury to his left leg. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

Wednesday's health report shows four cases of meningitis being reported to the Medical Officer of Health, compared with one on Tuesday and three during the week-end. There was one case of small-pox, one of diphtheria and one of enteric fever on Wednesday.

Engaged in hoisting pieces of iron on board the naval tug Alliance yesterday, Li Kam-yau, aged 48, an older, received a wound to his leg and bruises to his back through an iron bar falling on him. He was not seriously hurt but was taken the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

Among those leaving by the transport Neurula on Tuesday last, Capt. C. A. de Linde, of Staff Headquarters, who has been in the Colony for three years, during which time he has been secretary to the Military Sports Board. Born in Tientsin, Capt. de Linde, then a child a few years old, was hidden by his ayah until he was rescued by British sailors.

We can thoroughly recommend "Alibi," the British thriller now showing at the Queen's Theatre. Based on Agatha Christie's novel, "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd," it is a real mystery play, with the audience kept guessing to the end as to who the real murderer is. The acting is altogether natural and convincing, without a weak spot in the big cast. In particular, Austin Trevor as Poirot, the French detective, is responsible for some fine work, ably backed up by Frank Dyal, J.H. Roberts and John Derrall. Besides the main film, there is an interesting Cine Magazine and a funny comic, these rounding off a really attractive all-British programme.

part with democratic self-government. But when he used those confident words he appeared to overlook the fact that some of the soundest democrats in his own country are profoundly uneasy about many demagogic practices which threaten to turn the rule of the ballot box into mob-ocracy. A weighty official report has commented on the danger arising from the fact that every political party is tempted to put its promises too high in bidding for the support of groups of voters. This kind of mass bribery seems so peculiarly the weakness of "democratic" countries like Britain or the United States or France that a true democrat can hardly dare to sing the praises of democracy unless he is at the same time prepared to declare open war on those enemies within which tend to corrupt and destroy it.

THORNY PATHS OF PEACE
IN CHINA.

By O. M. GREEN.

THAT Japan would be ready to discuss peace, once she had gained a victory and restored her military prestige at Shanghai, was obvious to all who know what conditions are in China.

Japan has nothing to gain by war, nor does it appear likely to bring any finality. There are other armies about China; the formidable Christian troops of the Christian General Feng Fu-hsiang; Chang Fa-kuai's hard-bitten "Iron-sides," the Shansi army of active mountaineers; the Manchurian army of "the Young Marshal," Chang Hsueh-lang, which was withdrawn inside the Great Wall early in January.

There are literally millions of other troops which could probably be gingered up to make a nuisance of themselves. And, of course, the first successes of the Chinese at Shanghai have fired the whole nation. Hundreds of thousands of students are strung up to the highest pitch of war fever—and there remains that terrible weapon, the boycott.

Civil War and Faction.

But with whom will Japan make peace, and how? The very conditions which make peace desirable make it difficult to attain. China proper is twenty-five times as big as England and Wales, and it is only a slight exaggeration to say that there are twenty-five different Governments in it, the fruits of years of civil war and faction.

There are many leading Nationalists for whom one has high respect. The former Nanking Government, over which General Chiang Kai-shek presided for nearly three years (till his enemies dragged him down last December) contained the germs of the best Government China has seen for many years. But its power was limited, for all practical purposes, to three or four of the coast provinces, and from March, 1929, till October, 1930, it was engaged in ceaseless civil war.

A year ago—months before the Japanese conflict—Chiang and the other realists in Nanking tried to reform the Government on practical popular lines. They had all educated public opinion behind them. But Canton revolted and declared a separate Government. It is a striking example of the factiousness of Chinese politicians, and how the best men are thwarted by the mass of intriguers and self-seekers.

All northern China is split up among numerous militarists, big and little, with their respective armies. Szechuan, the wealthy western province, as big as France, is the private preserve of six generals who divide it among themselves. Yunnan, in the south-west, is practically an independent state. And in central southern China the Communist organisation (aftermath of the years 1925-27, when Moscow dominated the Chinese Nationalist party) is really a terrible danger. It has flourished on civil war and last year's catastrophic floods on the Yangtze, and is insidiously extending its power through all China. All Nanking's utmost efforts have failed to crush the Communists, and the menace they involve in the present upheaval can hardly be too strongly stressed.

A Danger Foreseen.

Now relics of the old Nanking Government remain and events have tended to bring them to the front again. Chiang Kai-shek, who undoubtedly has the mind of a statesman, always realised the danger for China of resisting Japan, however much the latter might be hurt in the process. He and others who could be mentioned (but Chinese names are confusing) are realists with whom negotiation should be possible. But they help from outside. There must be active and statesmanlike mediation.

Japan alone cannot negotiate with China (the phrase is used for convenience). The Chinese successes at Shanghai during the past month would forbid them to surrender. Equally they forbid the Japanese to give in. It is a case of saving "face"—the most powerful motive with Orientals—on both sides.

Further than this, whoever accepts peace on the Chinese side, any peace that Japan, too, would accept, will have to face a storm of denunciation throughout China. The realists must have a backing from other Powers on which they may depend after they have made peace.

Without expressing any opinion as to the rights and wrongs of the fighting at Shanghai, the eternal background of the whole Sino-Japanese quarrel must be remembered. That is that China is broken and anarchical; all nations that deal with her have been suffering more or less from her condition for years past; and, in the opinion of her best friends, she must have help to put her house in order.

No attempt to mediate a peace between China and Japan can have any lasting success that does not recognise these facts frankly and seek to restore ordered government in China. Six months ago the League of Nations might have tried, but unhappily it must be said that the League has only irritated Japan and disappointed China.

Happily there exists an instrument, the Nine-Power Treaty, created at Washington in 1922, and surely designed to cope with such crises as that of to-day. The Nine Powers are Great Britain, France, Italy, America, Japan, China, Holland, Belgium, and Portugal. Their duty under the treaty is to consult together and take such steps as may be necessary where China's welfare is at stake.

The task to be undertaken in China is difficult, but it need not be costly or impossible. The Customs and salt gabelle, in which all essential work is done by foreigners as servants of China, with Chinese superintendents at the top, are examples of what might be done in other directions. Both these services are supremely efficient and involve no loss of "face" to China. A similar system might be tried in the army, which is really China's greatest problem, both for using it to suppress brigands and Communists and in gradually disbanding it.

Of course any attempt to restore effective government would have to be on a small scale at first. But if peace and order were secured only in the Lower Yangtze Valley, its prosperity would soon act as a magnet to draw in other regions.

Shanghai's Future.

The future status of Shanghai ought not to be excluded from the general adjustment. The idea of a neutral zone surrounding both the foreign and Chinese districts is in the air, and wherever it comes from, it ought not to be lightly rejected.

The argument is simple. Civil war lives on the money which militarists wring from merchants. Protect the latter, so that they may resist the former and civil war languishes. Again and again in the past twenty years Shanghai has been the prize for which factions fought. Its welfare is of far greater importance really to China than to foreigners, for it is the backbone and mainstay of her finances.

And again to consider China's "face," if Shanghai were neutralised, it would not be difficult to arrange for its joint administration by the local Chinese and foreign business men on the lines advocated by Mr. Justice Feetham in the report on the future constitution of Shanghai, which he produced last year. The whole scheme might come up for reconsideration as and when China grew more peaceful.

In conclusion, there does not appear any Government with which Japan could treat successfully at present. But with wide statesmanship there might be



"It got so she couldn't stand it any more, so she went away."—So we do.

BRITAIN £364,000 ON RIGHT SIDE.

REMARKABLY STRONG BUDGET FIGURES.

THE MOST REMARKABLE YEAR in Britain's financial history ended at midnight with the revised budget not only balanced but leaving a surplus of £364,000 after providing £32,500,000 for the redemption of debt.

The Treasury announcement marks the successful completion of the first stage of the National Government's programme to lay a sound foundation for future prosperity by first establishing confidence at Home and abroad.

The happy position has been confidently anticipated and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, instead of sitting anxiously at the Treasury awaiting the final figures, is taking his ease at a Dee-side fishing village.

ANALYSIS OF YEAR'S WORKING.

London, Mar. 31.

The Government's financial year ended to-day and the complete Treasury returns for the year are published, the statement accompanying the abstract of accounts, stating:

The Budget has been balanced, with a surplus of £364,000 after providing £32,500,000 for the redemption of debt.

"This result has been achieved notwithstanding a decision to limit the amount paid to miscellaneous revenue from the Exchange Account to £12½ millions, including interest, instead of £23 millions including interest, contemplated last September.

Income Tax Surplus.

"The expenditure on supply services is £12½ millions less than the September forecast, the reductions realised having been £34½ millions as against £12 millions contemplated in September. It will be observed that not merely were the estimates of the yield of income tax and surtax realised but they provided a surplus of £19 millions towards meeting deficits on the other heads of revenue."

The National Accounts show that the revenue during the year amounted to £770,963,000 and the expenditure to £770,599,000. The revised budget forecasted Exchequer receipts from income tax of £272 millions and from surtax of £73 millions. The amounts received in the year are respectively £287,400,000 and £76,700,000.

Death Duty Surplus.

On the other hand, estate duties have only yielded £65,000,000, which is £18 millions less than the budget estimate, while Stamps, which were estimated to produce £20 millions fell short by three millions.

Customs and excise revenue was estimated to produce a total of £253 millions. The actual receipts have exceeded this sum by £3 millions but of this about £2 millions is on account of the new import duties under the Abnormal Importation Act, the Horticultural Products Act and the Import Duties Act.

MORE WUCHOW IMPROVEMENTS.

NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Wuchow, Mar. 30.

Wuchow's new Post Office building on Ch'ong Tain Lo is rapidly taking form under the able direction of the contractors in charge of building operations. Reinforced concrete is being used for the structural part of the building, which has already reached the second storey. When completed, the new building will fill a long-felt need, as the present accommodation of the Wuchow branch of the Chinese postal system is inadequate for the volume of business which passes through the office.

The levelling and widening of the continuation of Nam Wan Lo is now in progress, and the portions of many houses have been razed. A narrow gauge track has been laid for more than five blocks through the centre of the city and over this, by means of dump trucks, tons of earth and building material removed from razed stores and dwellings is being conveyed. The material thus obtained is being used to fill in a large area of lowland which for years has been filled with green, stagnant water and consequently was a great menace to the health of the community. —Our Own Correspondent.

ROYAL FAMILY AT WINDSOR.

LITTLE PRINCESS'S BIRTHDAY.

London, Mar. 31.

The King and Queen this afternoon motored to Windsor Castle, where Their Majesties are expected to remain in residence throughout April.

During their stay, they will be visited by the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess Royal and her husband, Lord Harewood, and other members of the Royal Family.

Princess Elizabeth, who will be six on April 21st, will probably spend her birthday with her grandparents at the Castle. —British Wireman.

NEW ATLANTIC FARES.

20 PER CENT. CUT APPROVED.

London, Mar. 31.

Brussels reports state that all the companies represented at the North Atlantic Shipping Conference, which continued its sessions there to-day, are now agreed on reductions of approximately twenty per cent. in fares. —British Wireman.

"HOMO" REPLIES TO CRITIC.

TWO LADIES ENTER THE LISTS.

MEN PILLORIED.

Sir.—Mr. Hamstrung asks "Why should not men place women on a pedestal? Are they not the centre of his existence?"

In my opinion most of the world's troubles to-day—our murders, suicides, industrial depressions, and international wars—can be attributed to the incomprehensible transgression of man having actually accepted woman as the centre of his existence. The prehistoric struggle for the wherewithal to live has evolved into a conflict for the means of acquiring modern luxuries. International warfare is the direct result of a struggle for raw material reserves and foreign markets; the present industrial depression has its origin in the shortsighted acquisitiveness of a financial oligarchy and it can all be ascribed to the luxury-loving, power-grabbing propensities of our women-folk.

The average man's objective to-day is to make as much money as possible, in the shortest possible time, legitimately if possible, and anyhow, if legally impossible—and why? Because he needs money for the retention of the centre of his existence—woman. If married, he realises that the preservation of the marital relationship entails acute competition with the affluent insanity of his single confrere, and if unfettered by marriage vows, he has seen enough of modern life to know the monetary cost of success where gold-diggers are concerned.

The world, to-day, is fighting individually and nationally for comfort and luxury, and woman is the motive force behind it all. Mr. Hamstrung adds, "Life would be intolerable without them. Without illusions we would all commit suicide." It would be interesting to learn if he has ever tried living without them. I can assure you, Mr. Editor, the happiest days of my life—and "I've taken my fun where I found it"—were spent alone with men where "yonder the wide horizon lies," where "you can lay the blame on the sun and the stars, the long white road and the skies," where the thrill of honest achievement, clean sport, elevating controversy and a contented mind pushed women right out of the picture. The men that go down to the sea in ships learn to live, to live happily, with their own sex. It is when port is reached, with woman's demoralizing influence around them, that the rot sets in.

"There can be no over-valuation of anything if the demand exists." Mr. Hamstrung apparently overlooks the possibility of coloured water being sold as a hair-restorer for a dollar a bottle at the conclusion of a well-organised publicity campaign. Woman's value to-day is fictitiously enhanced, and it is up to man to shun them till they make up their minds to renounce sex-aggrandisement and get back to service in the common weal.—Yours, etc. HOMO.

Men, Wonderful Men.

Sir.—In response to the criticism of the fair sex, may we have a word—not necessarily in self-defence, as we shall never get our "rights." I know we are accused of talking too much, but no-one is perfect, thank goodness. If men are so superior, why is it they so easily succumb to the wiles of these obviously designing creatures? True, there are women and girls who live for clothes and men alone, hence the excessive use of make-up, but it takes all kinds to make up a world; also there is quite a large proportion left who have many story book virtues, including unselfishness and ability to organise an efficient household, or efficiency in the office as the case may be.

How many unhappy marriages there are 'out East' is it entirely the fault of the woman? How many women have had their ideals shattered a thousand times—do they expect too much of their menfolk? Take the case of a girl out from Home. She leaves all her friends behind and starts a new life. The husband, in most cases, has spent several years out East and has become accustomed to being waited on, hand and foot and has, through carelessness, forgotten the little courtesies that mean so much to a "feminine" girl. (I use this term as these remarks do not apply to some of the up-to-date "boyish" girls.) The men have so much club life out East and want so little home life and they consider the girl is not "sporty" if she dislikes sitting around while the men have "just one more"—which brings to my mind that unforgivable offence (to the male mind) of accusing a man of being weak-willed because he must have ten drinks

BUS COMPANY SUMMONED.

RESIDENT COMPLAINS OF SERVICE.

Mr. S. T. Louey, proprietor of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, appeared before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning in answer to two summonses against his Company, (a) for failing to keep bus No. 663 in proper repair and (b) for failing to run vehicles to a scheduled time.

With regard to the first summons, Sergeant Scrim said on March 4, he noticed that bus No. 663 was making a noise like a machine-gun, the silencer being obviously defective. A few days later, it was reported to him by the D.S.P.K., that the same bus was making a lot of noise. He went out to look for the bus and later stopped it in Nathan Road. On questioning the driver, he was told that the matter had been reported to the Company, but nothing had been done for the bus.

A fine of \$5 was imposed. Regarding the second summons, Traffic Inspector Mason said the matter was instigated by Mr. W. V. Curtiss, of Sheungshawan, who alleged that from 6.03 p.m. until 6.27 p.m. on March 8 he had to wait before a No. 2 bus passed Public Square Street.

Mr. Louey stated that according to the information he had received, a bus left Star Ferry at 6.06 p.m. and another at 6.16 p.m. on the day in question.

Giving evidence, Mr. Curtiss said he arrived at Public Square Street at 6.03 p.m. Although the Kowloon Motor Bus Company's vehicles were supposed to maintain a 10-minute service, it was not until 6.27 that he found a No. 2 bus.

"I've been told by my doctor not to stand about too long, and it was a very unpleasant ordeal. I am quite sure no No. 2 bus passed when I was standing there," added Mr. Curtiss.

The summons was remanded until next Friday.

A Harbour Office notification states that as from sunset today, the colour of the light at Siu Chau Wan, on the north side of Lyemun, will be green instead of red.

In order that each member of the party may have his "share" of the fun, consequently the neglected wife seeks out her lady friends and is immediately accused of scandal-mongering by the men who see a party of girls talking together but do not overhear the conversation. And this again brings me to a point where I would like to say that if gossip could be analysed I believe it would be found that just as much emanates from the males as the females, judging by the amount of information one can obtain from a husband, picked up at the club or the office.

In the case of single people brought up out here, the majority are spoilt from childhood. They are not trained to think for themselves, let alone "do" for themselves, so who can be blamed, but their parents? The children grow up to be swelled-headed and to consider that their main object in life is to have "a good time."

Many people out here have been known to remark that they would not care to take on the responsibility of bringing a male relative out here. Why? Because most of them sooner or later get into "bad company" and until they come to their senses, cause worry and distress to the relative or friend who was more or less responsible for their coming abroad. Should a "mere woman" discuss this subject and wonder why so many men cannot live healthy, strenuous outdoor lives (most of them work not more than eight hours a day) and think less of the satisfying of their animal instincts, this is considered an indelicate topic. A girl is immediately condemned if she leads anything but a "respectable" life, but with a man "it is different"—Yours, etc. A. N. AFTERTHOUGHT.

Another Retort.

Sir.—I feel it my duty not to allow visitors to Hongkong to go away with the idea that all we women are as bad as "Homo" says. His accusations are so sweepingly general that the impression remains that every girl in Hongkong that he has met (and I wonder how many?) has, to use a common expression "Done the Dirty on him."

Every word that "Homo" has written is probably true about a certain number of Hongkong girls—may I call them Females for the Special? But in addition to "Homo's" friends (now late friends) there are many girls in the Colony who are definitely not of his ilk.

It is unfortunate that I, being a mere woman, have not that flow of language possessed by "Homo," otherwise I should be able to entertain your readers with the "Golsong" of some of the men in Hongkong. But that, of course, is another story.—Yours, JULIA.

RADIO BROADCAST

DR. SHIN'S LECTURE ON INFANT WELFARE.

Radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme. 6.00-6.30 p.m. The sixth of a series of lectures on "Infant Welfare" by Doctor K. S. Shin, M.B., B.Sc.,—"Treatment of Emergencies."

7.00-10.30 p.m. European programme. 7.00 p.m. Stock quotations; mail notice.

7.05-8.45 p.m. Programme of Victor records kindly supplied by Messrs. Tang Fook Piano Co. 7.05-7.20 p.m. A Selection of Fox Trols.

One Little Quareel. The High Hatters. There's a Blue Note in my Love Song. Dance of the Little Dutch Dolls. Try to Forget. Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra. 22873-22870.

She Didn't Say "Yes." The Night Was Made for Love. Leo Reisman and His Orch. 22860. 7.20-7.50 p.m. A Concert. Piano Solo-Cradle Song (Brahms).

Alfred Cortot. 1271. Song-Beau Soir (Bourget-Dehussy). Mary Garden (Soprano). 1439. Violin Solo-Andantino (Lemare-Saenger).

Violin Solo-At Dawning (Cadman). Piano Solo-Dance Exotique (Horowitz-Domeny). Vladimir Horowitz. 1468.

Song-I Love to Hear You Singing (Clavinette-Haydn Wood). John McCormack (Tenor). 1425. Violin Solo-Albumblatt- Marquerite (Rachmaninoff-Kreider).

Fritz Kreisler. 1170. 8.00 p.m. Local time; weather report. 7.50-8.25 p.m. Orchestral.

Capriccio Italian (Tchaikowsky). Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orch. 6949-6950. Daphnis et Chloe-Suite No. 2 (Maurice Ravel).

Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussovitzky. 7143-7144.

8.25-8.45 p.m. Operatic. The Magic Flute-Overture (Mozart). Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York under the direction of Wilhelm Mengelberg. 1486.

Die Fledermaus-The Bat-You and You (J. Strauss). Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Frederick Stock. 1481.

Tristan and Isolde-Prelude (Wagner). San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Alfred Hertz. 6585.

8.45-10.30 p.m. "The Vagabond King"—These records are kindly loaned by the Paramount Films of China, Inc., and played on Western Electric Sound Equipment.

10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news. 10.33 p.m. Close down.

FATAL BLASTING ACCIDENT.

WORKER BLOWN TO PIECES.

Terrible injuries which caused instantaneous death were received by a stone breaker at Shaikwan yesterday afternoon during blasting operations on the hillside near Tai Shek Street.

According to a report issued by the police, the accident occurred at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. The unfortunate man, Yik Kee, of 235, Main Street, Saiwanho, was on the hillside when a blasting charge was fired and so severe were the injuries he received that his body was blown to pieces.

LONG DRAWN OUT STRIKE.

SOME UNIONS WANT TO GO ON.

Enschede, Mar. 31.

An agreement on the basis of gradual wage reductions has been reached between the employers and the Religious Unions of the textile industry, of which 18,000 men have been on strike since November last.

Although the factories are reopening on Monday, other Unions are agitating for a continuance of the strike and it is feared that the situation may give rise to serious disturbances.—Reuter.

"I don't think he is the criminal type, and I think a caution will meet the case," said Inspector Shannon in prosecuting a man named Chan Sing, for embezzlement of \$185, at the Kowloon Magistrate's before Mr. Fraser this morning. It appears that defendant was employed as a salesman in a shop dealing in electric fittings, and was in the habit of collecting money from customers. Accounts were rather loosely kept, and when the master checked them up, he found them to be \$185 short. Defendant promised to return the money, but failed to do so. Defendant was bound over in a sum of \$200 for 12 months.

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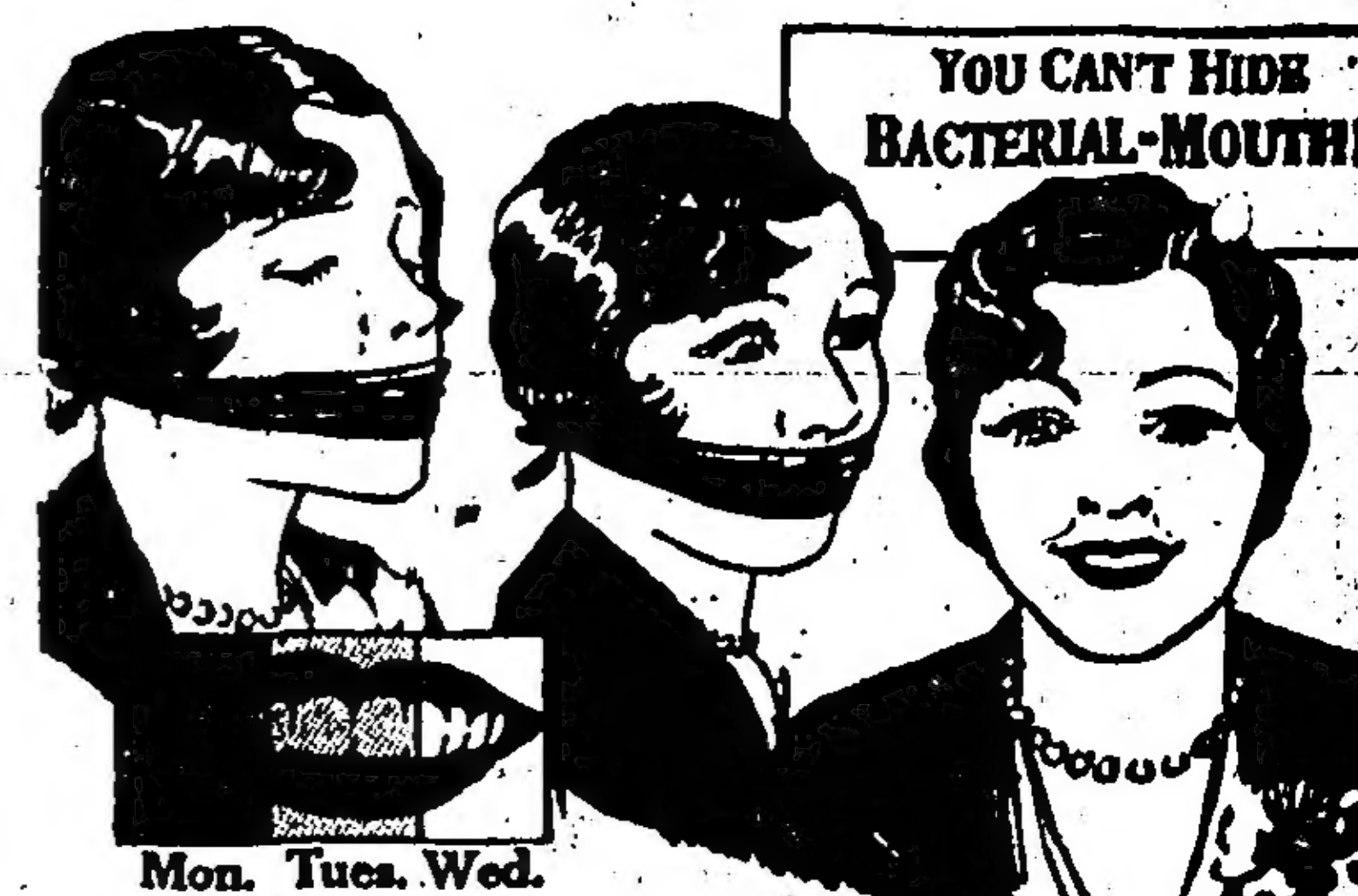
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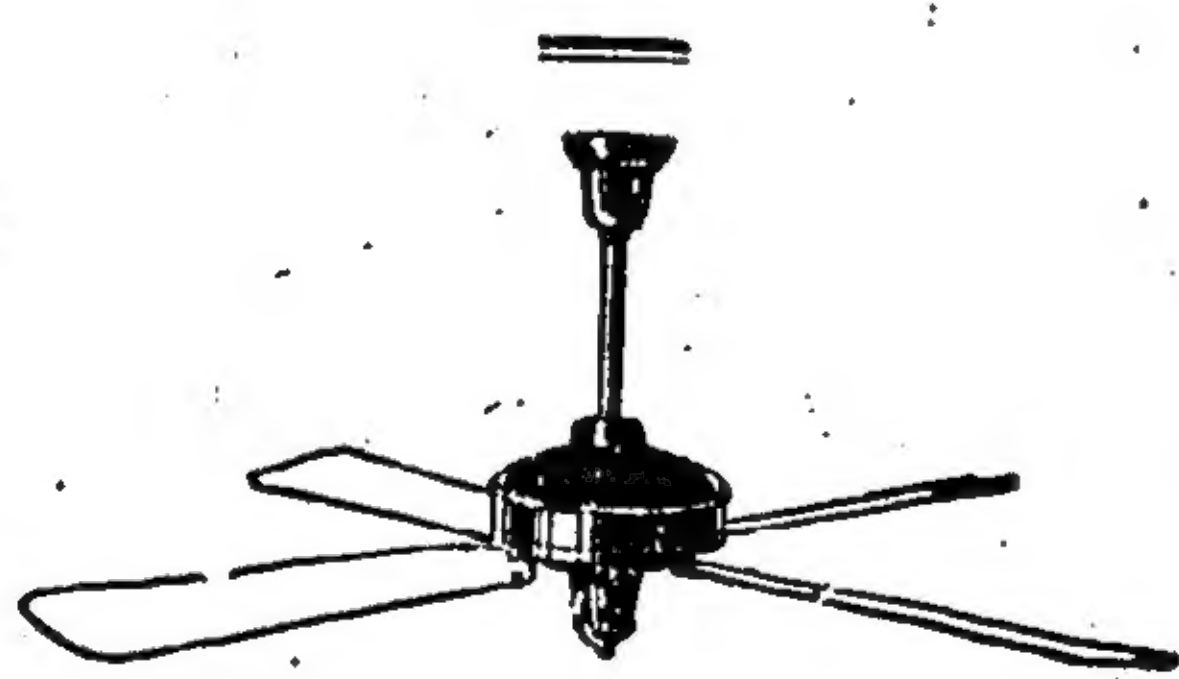
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**RUMJAHN WINS
FROM NET.****VOLLEYING BEATS
CASSUMBHOY.**

Fast rallies maintained interest in the match between S.A. Rumjahn and J.A.E. Cassumbhoy in the open singles tennis championship yesterday, although at times the play fell to a mediocre standard. Rumjahn initiated and stuck grimly to a volleying campaign, which Cassumbhoy, with a little more intelligent application of the principles of court-craft, might easily have destroyed or rendered impotent. Rumjahn was not very definite in his overhead work and could have been worried into many blunders if fed sufficiently. Cassumbhoy's attempts to pass him with drives were quite fruitless and afforded "Sirdar" the chances he desired to put the ball away with neat angle volleys.

None the less, Cassumbhoy scored points with some magnificent shots, particularly noticeable being a deceptive half-court drive made from acute angles. He obviously did not trust himself overhead and allowed many simple "kills" to go by.

He should have won the second set, taking a 4-1 lead, but Rumjahn, playing the best tennis of the match, staged a typical recovery, and won in straight sets at 6-4, 6-4.

Disoriented team work cost Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheong their match against Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit. The Interport couple were superior only in this department, but it was sufficient to earn them success. There were many brilliant individual phases in the game, providing sustained interest for the onlookers. The smooth work of Ho and Yew will offer strenuous opposition to Fincher and Goldman in the semi-final next week.

The complete results were:

Open Singles.
 S. A. Rumjahn beat J. A. E. Cassumbhoy 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles.
 Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit beat Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheong, 3-6, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A."
 Col. J. G. Lecky beat R. K. Valentine 6-2, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B."
 J. Wilson beat J. Ferguson 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Jensen beat Williams 6-3, 6-4.
 Handicap Doubles.

Henderson and Monaghan beat Tufton and MacDougall 6-4, 6-3.
 T. J. and E. R. Price beat Stock and Worrell 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.
 Grimble and Miss Hancock beat Raiton and Mrs. Stafford Smith, 6-4, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.
 E. C. Fincher v. Ho Ka-lau.
 Open Doubles.
 S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. Ohu and Hung.

Club Championship.
 Tufton v. Sullivan, Valentine v. Harkins.

Handicap Singles "A."
 White v. Bowker.

Handicap Doubles.
 Mackie and Mayhew v. Humphries and Blaker.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.
 Barton and Miss Hallifax v. R. Hancock and Miss Hancock.
 Col. and Mrs. Lecky or Palmer and Miss Stevenson v. Segalen and Mrs. Brown.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.**SERVICE TEAMS FOR
SATURDAY.**

The teams to represent the Services in the charity football matches on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday have been selected, and will be composed of the following players:
 Senior team.—Pte. Johnson (Borderers); Pte. Sands (R.A.O.C.); Ldg. Tel. Dixon (H.M.S. Medway); Capt. Channing (Borderers); Stoker Sherres (H.M.S. Hermes); Cpl. Underwood (Borderers); Pte. Harris (Borderers); Pte. Davis (Borderers); A. B. Bland (H.M.S. Devonshire); S. E. Rawson (Royal Naval Hospital); Ldg. Skinner (H.M.S. Medway). Reserves: E. A. Stephens (H.M.S. Devonshire); A. B. Robertson (H.M.S. Odin); L/C Mullane (Borderers); Pte. Christie and L/C Campbell (Argylls).

Junior team.—Marine Wilson (H.M.S. Tamar); L/B Freeson (Twelfth Heavy Battery); Gr. Taylor (Twelfth Heavy Battery); Ldg. Sonman Turner (H.M.S. Cumberland); Gr. Pardee (Twelfth Heavy Battery); Pte. Yeoman (Argylls); Capt. L/C Rawson (R.A.O.C.); Bdr. Bryant (21st Heavy Battery); A. B. Nash (H.M.S. Medway); Pte. Lazenby (R.A.O.C.) and A. B. Gore (H.M.S. Cumberland). Reserves: E. R. Cox (H.M.S. Cumberland); A. B. Ashman (H.M.S. Cumberland); Pte. McKenna (Argylls); Pte. Shearer (Argylls) and Pte. Ainslie (R.A.O.C.).

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.**TEAM TO REPRESENT CLUB
AGAINST MEDWAY.**

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club, second against a team from H.M.S. Medway on Monday afternoon on the Club Ground at 5.15 o'clock.—R. W. Sapsed, L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson, J. E. Potter, E. G. S. Dale, H. J. D. Lowe, G. F. Ross, S. Hill, W. A. Nowers, S. J. H. Fox and L. D. Kilber.

**L. T. A. GROUND
QUESTION.****DOUBTS EXPRESSED AT
ANNUAL MEETING.**

Despite the unanimous expressions of opinion given at previous meetings, there still remains a grave element of doubt as to whether the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association will acquire its own ground this year. At the annual meeting of the Association yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindell, the President, who was in the chair, reminded the representatives present of the unanimous decision made at extraordinary general meetings on this subject, but said that he had since heard many doubts expressed as to the advisability of the Association acquiring a ground on the site selected in Kowloon.

Mr. M. K. Lo appealed for expressions of opinion on the matter from the representatives, stating that unless they had whole-hearted support of its members, the Association could not go forward with the scheme. If they were in favour of the project the Association would carry on, but if not, then he hoped they would let the meeting know.

Mr. Lindell said the Association had, since the last extraordinary general meeting, secured the ground selected in Chatham Road, for one year at a rental of \$5. The Executive Committee decided not to implement the Association further than that until they had heard further expressions of opinions from members. The Secretary had sent out a circular letter inviting clubs to intimate whether they would be willing to take out debentures if the scheme was adopted and the Association incorporated, and so far he had received no replies, which seemed to indicate that the clubs were not keen on the scheme.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Deacon, and seconded by Mr. S. A. Gray, that the Association Secretary be instructed to write to league club representatives asking them to bring the scheme to the notice of their committees, and for them to inform the Association whether or not they were in favour of the scheme.

Tribute to Helen Wills.

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said he would like to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen Wills who gave exhibitions while in Hongkong last year. They had been given to understand that it was not possible for Mrs. Helen Wills to make the trip to Hongkong. Acting on that news, the Hongkong C. C. who had kindly kept the stand up in readiness for her visit for some considerable time after the cricket Interport, then pulled it down, and within a week received the wireless telegram that she would be arriving in Hongkong on the following Monday. The result was they were unable to stage the exhibition in Hongkong, and it was only through the kindly grace of the Kowloon

CONSUL SHOT DEAD.**DEMENTED CLERK'S CRIME
AT MARSEILLES.**

Paris, March 4.

The Turkish Consul at Marseilles was murdered in his office this morning by a young clerk who afterwards committed suicide. The Consul was sitting at his desk when the clerk entered, and began to complain of not being treated with proper consideration. He then drew two revolvers from his pocket and fired twice, wounding the Consul in the arm. The latter ran out of the room, but the murderer caught him up on the landing, and fired four more shots, wounding him twice in the nose, wrist, heart, and ribs, the bullet in the heart being fatal.

The clerk then went back to the Consul's office and fired two shots in his chest. He was suffering from incurable tuberculosis, and is thought to have been out of his mind.

Cricket Club, where they were able quickly to erect a stand, that the exhibition took place. He thought it right to make this explanation as many people were disappointed that the game was not staged on Hongkong side.

As regards the accounts, the receipts from the Helen Wills exhibition amounted to \$2,347.32 and the expenditure about \$1,200, leaving a profit of about \$1,100. The balance of the profits came from the Andrews exhibition.

In conclusion he expressed thanks to Mr. J. B. MacDonald for auditing the accounts free of charge.

Mr. Deacon seconded the report, which was unanimously adopted.

The following officers were then elected:

President, Mr. R. E. Lindell; Vice-President, Mr. M. K. Lo; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. P. F. James; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. S. Green; Hon. League Secretary, Mr. S. A. Gray.

Executive Committee, Messrs. E. C. Fincher, E. J. R. Mitchell, S. A. Rumjahn and E. da Souza.

Mr. Deacon (Civil Service C. C.) raised the question of the heavy expense of balls during the league season, and suggested that where clubs entered teams in B and C Divisions, the C Division team should be able to use the balls which had been used once by the B Division team.

Mr. S. A. Gray suggested that the L.T.A. should invite estimates from the local agents of the recognised tennis ball makers for the supply of tennis balls in bulk for the whole season, and the clubs should purchase them from the Association for a flat price. In this way considerable savings to the clubs should result.

Both suggestions were placed before the Executive Committee.

FANLING GOLF.**RESULTS IN THE RECENT
COMPETITIONS.**

The results of recent competitions arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club were announced yesterday. W. J. Buller won the Junior Section Championship, 12 and 11, with W. H. Edmonds. There were 18 entries. Miss K. P. Curdin and D. S. Edwards with a score of 90-18-72 secured the mixed medal foursome prize. Other scores were Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dodwell, 90 (12) 76; Mr. and Mrs. E. Grimble, 98 (21) 77; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, 87 (9) 78.

W. Patterson, two up, won the Bogey Pool, played on the new course.

Three players tied for the medal round on the old course. They were J. S. MacLaren, 83 (9) 75; Hon. Cdr. G. J. H. Fox, 82 (18) 74; E. J. K. Weeks, 80 (12) 74. Other scores were J. B. Mackie, 85 (10) 75; F. J. de Rome, 81 (6) 76; E. Grimble, 90 (13) 77.

Hon. Cdr. Holo, with a score of 88 and 98-180-30-150, won the Shanghai visitor's Cup. The best 18 holes of the morning were done by S. J. H. Fox, 83 (9) 74, and in the afternoon by Dr. C. H. Burton, 89 (15) 74. Other scores were:

R. A. Campbell ... 82 88 165 14 151
 S. J. H. Fox ... 83 87 170 23 152
 A. Leach ... 87 86 173 23 153
 Dr. C. H. Burton ... 94 89 183 30 153
 G. J. H. Fox ... 86 89 175 22 153
 G. J. H. Fox ... 88 95 183 23 157
 G. J. H. Fox ... 91 90 181 24 157
 G. J. H. Fox ... 88 90 178 20 158
 A. D. Humphreys ... 87 92 179 20 159
 A. C. I. Bowker ... 88 87 176 16 159
 G. R. Horridge ... 88 85 174 14 159
 R. S. W. Paterson ... 102 94 196 38 160

The Bogey Pool (old course) was won by L. R. Andrews (4) 3 up.

The second prize went to J. H. Anderson (4) 1 up; R. A. Campbell (7) 1 up; W. Mulcahy (8) 1 up; S. J. H. Fox (9) 1 up; E. O. Priestley (11) 1 up; C. F. Hyde (13) 1 up; J. S. Dykes (10) 1 up; Hon. Cdr. G. J. H. Fox (18) 1 up. Other scores were C. W. Booker (4) all square; J. S. MacLaren (9) all square; Dr. C. H. Burton (15) all square; T. R. Rowle (18) all square.

**ARMY RECRUITING.
WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES
RE-OPENING.**

London, Mar. 31.

The restrictions imposed on army recruiting last August will be removed on April 1, it was announced by the War Office to-day. Recruiting will be opened for all branches of the army.

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SEQUEL TO CONSTABLE'S CONVICTION.

Following Mr. Fraser's conviction on Wednesday, of a Shantung constable, Miao Fung-hsu, for misconduct, and the imposition of a fine of \$100 or two months' hard labour, Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to apply for a review of the decision.

In making his application, Mr. Silva said that in discharging defendant for larceny, and convicting him for misconduct the Magistrate had stated that the evidence, given by the prosecution was too contradictory to support the former charge. The prosecution had not satisfied Mr. Fraser what motive prompted defendant to get off a bus while on his way for duty, but the defence had attempted to supply a motive. Mr. Silva admitted that the motive of the defence might be rather thin, but in the absence of any motive given by the prosecution, he submitted the Magistrate was bound to give the defendant the benefit of the doubt.

Mr. Silva said the Magistrate had used the word "decoyed," in referring to the manner in which defendant got off the bus at Argyle Street. Defendant, he argued, had been called upon as a policeman by a man who was apparently and claimed to be a detective. His assistance was asked for by a colleague, and he had about 10 minutes to spare, and Mr. Silva submitted that there was sufficient reason for defendant to leave to help a fellow-officer. He might have been wrong in doing so. Mr. Silva would not say that defendant was perfectly right, but if he were wrong, he submitted, it was only an error of judgment and did not amount to misconduct.

Mr. Fraser said he would consider the application, which was adjourned to Tuesday.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

ARRIVAL DELAYED UNTIL APRIL 21.

Advice has been received that Charlie Chaplin, famous film star, and his equally famous brother, Syd, will not arrive in Hongkong by the Suwa Maru to-morrow, as expected. They disembarked at Singapore, and are making a tour of Java and the Dutch Indies.

They will return to Singapore in time to connect with the P. and O. liner Chitral, which leaves there on April 16, arriving at Hongkong on April 21. They will disembark at Hongkong under the altered itinerary, staying here for eight days.

From Hongkong, Charlie Chaplin will leave for Japan by the N.Y.K. liner Hakuzaki Maru, and after touring the country, Syd Chaplin will return to Europe, while Charlie will go across the Pacific back to Hollywood, where he proposes to begin making another film.

In a recent message to movie fans in the East, Charlie said: "My long-cherished plan for visiting the Orient is about to be realized, and I am eagerly looking forward to the day when I shall be there. I am particularly interested in your native theatres and drama, and wish to study them on the spot."

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THE AMBULANCE.

FLAG DAY ARRANGED FOR SATURDAY.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade has arranged a Flag Day for Saturday (to-morrow) between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, the proceeds being in aid of the Brigade's activities in the New Territories, where there are maintained already two dressing stations, two nurses and one dresser, working amongst the villagers.

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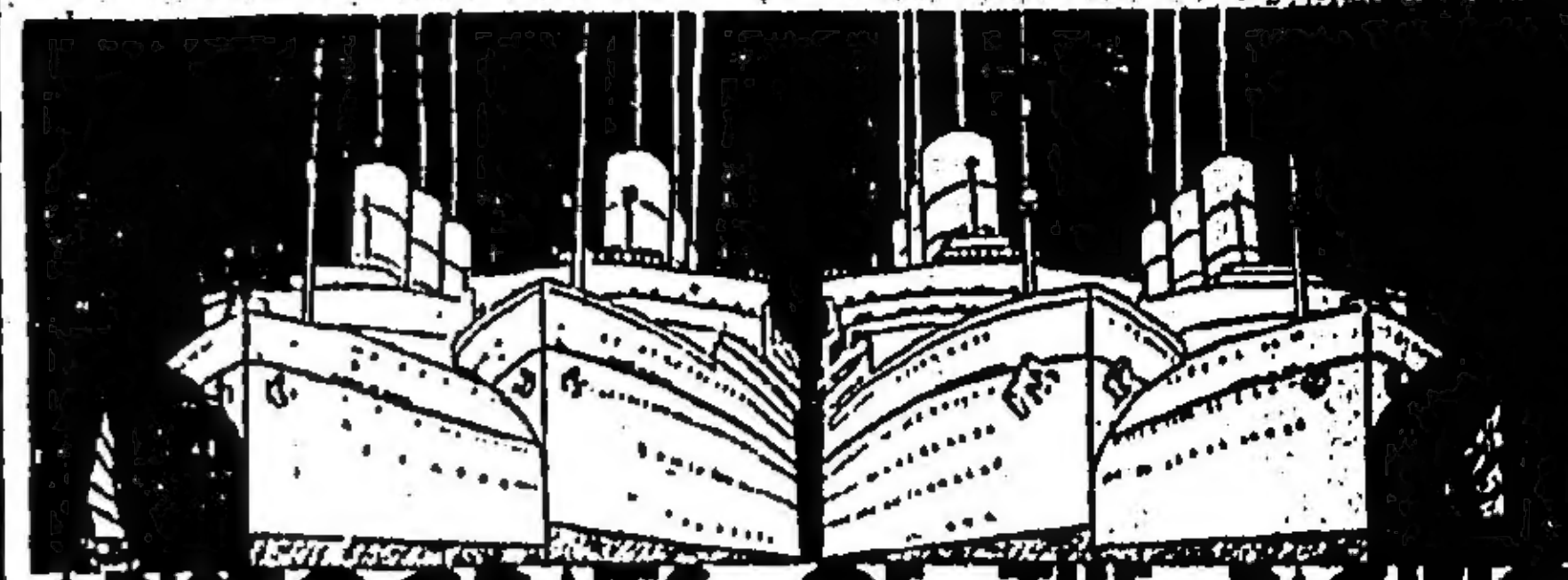
RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME TO COST \$600,000.

The Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, which was built in 1870, have decided, owing to the increasing demand for more accommodation by the Chinese patients, to pull down part of the existing buildings which will be replaced with new concrete buildings. The Directors estimate that this reconstruction scheme will require about \$600,000 and favour a gradual reconstruction scheme. The work may take some years to accomplish.

The Hospital authorities expect to begin the work some time this year. The big building which used to house the Po Leung Kuk next to the Tung Wah Hospital was evacuated by the removal of the Po Leung Kuk to Causeway Bay and it is the Directors' intention to make use of the old Po Leung Kuk building by including it in the reconstruction plan. It is further pointed out that with the proposed removal of the Government Civil Hospital to a new site there may be an increase in the demand for accommodation in the Tung Wah Hospital on account of its nearness to the Chinese residential districts.

The Directors and permanent advisors of the Tung Wah Hospital have appointed the following sub-committee to supervise the reconstruction work: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, M. K. Lo, Fu Yuk-pang, Wong Kwong-tin, Lo Cheung-shui, Ho Kom-tong, Ho Kwong, Li Hoi-tung, Tang Chi-ngong, Tong Yat-chuen, Li Yick-mui, Lo Chung-kui, Wong Ping-shuen, Ma Chi-lung, Ma Tui-chiu, Tam Woon-tong, Tang Shiu-kin, Leung Put-yue, Ng Wah, Lui Yam-shuen, Ngan Shing-kwan and Lu Tak-chung.

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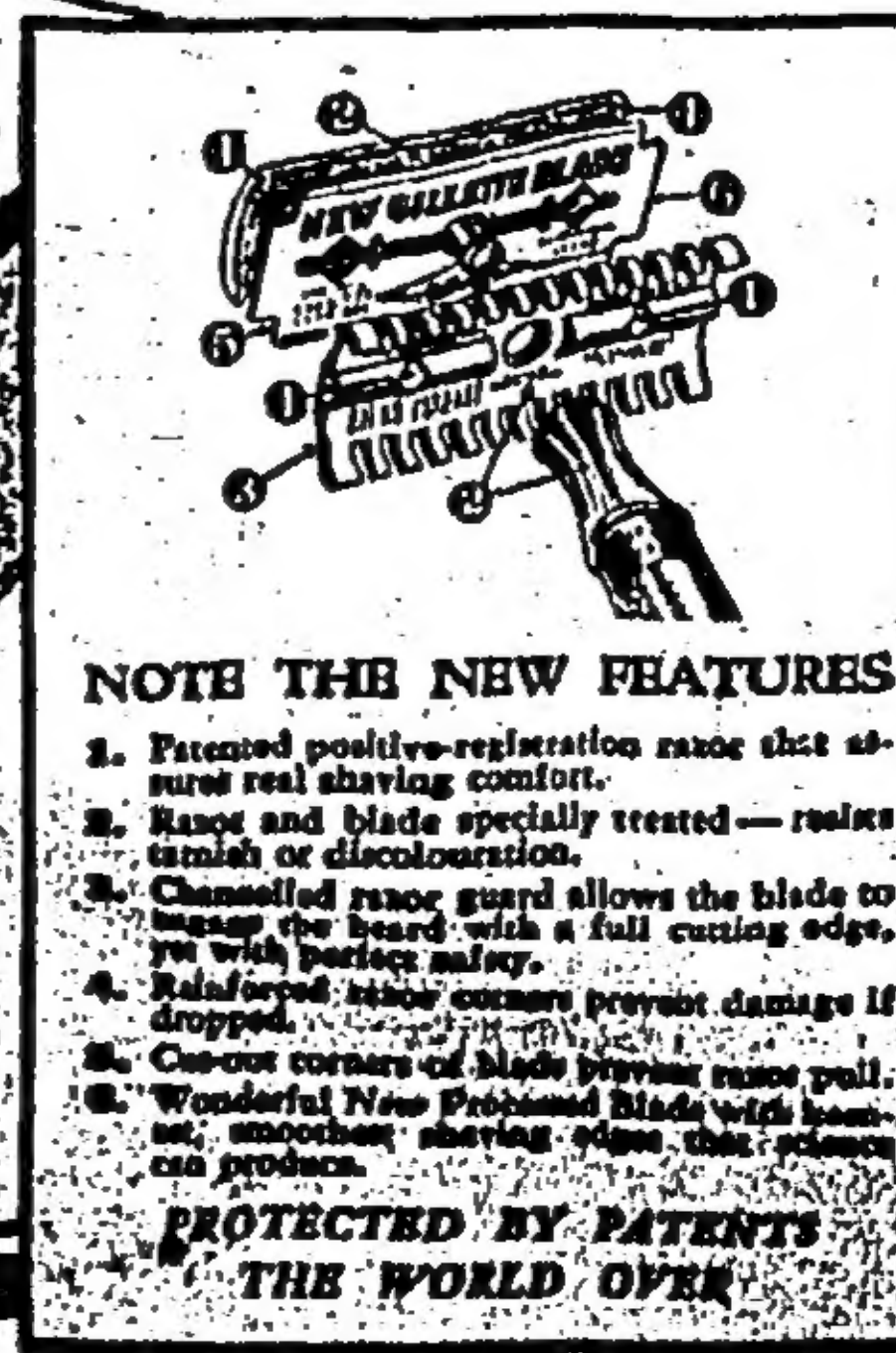
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It is May 6. Many of us who are here this evening, as well as those who are absent, have been associated for many years, both in the Institute and out of it, with our old and faithful friend, George. For many years he has served on your Committee in the capacity of Bar Convenor and in this respect he has really "shown" to the best advantage. He has increased our prices very reluctantly, and lowered them again very reluctantly, but for all that he has had our interest at heart and his sound advice and judgment has always been at the disposal of the various Committees.

We also cannot forget the invaluable services rendered by Mrs. Harman in the advice which she gave us and hard work she put in some time ago in refurbishing the Ladies' Room. Our thanks are due to them both and I know you will all join me in wishing them God-speed, a pleasant trip home, and a thoroughly happy and enjoyable retirement. We shall not forget them.

I will now propose and ask a member to second the adoption of the report and accounts in respect of the year ended December 31, 1931, after which I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions you may wish to ask.

Mr. E. W. Blackmore seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

Election of Officers.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mr. P. T. Farrell;
Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Tully and A. Webster; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. L. Landsberg; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. J. Martin; Hon. Librarian, Mr. H. R. Latham.

Committee.—Messrs. W. Russell, A. L. Landsberg, H. R. Latham, L. J. Blackburn, F. P. R. James, A. Harper, G. F. Taylor, A. J. J. Martin, G. Buchanan, W. J. Geall, C. Bond and S. T. Williamson.

During the meeting a presentation was made to Mr. Harman by the Institute. Mr. Blackburn, the Librarian, presented a great tribute to his services. A further gift was made to Mrs. Harman.

Billiards Competition.

The following prizes were distributed to winners in the billiards competition in 1931:

Presented by Presidents:—1. P. T. Farrell; 2. W. Russell. Break, K. S. Robertson.

Vice-Presidents' prize.—W. J. Geall; 2. J. F. McGowan. Break, C. Mycock.

Mr. Osborn's prize.—1. G. F. Taylor; 2. W. B. Haslett. Break, H. L. F. Ewin.

Library.—1. J. F. McGowan; 2. C. Bond. Break, W. J. Geall.

Messrs. Anderson's prize.—1. W. J. Geall; 2. C. Bond. Break, W. B. Haslett.

Messrs. Thornycroft's prize.—1 and 2 (not completed). Break, L. J. Blackburn.

MORE TIME WANTED.

Stockholm, Mar. 31.

The Kreuger and Toll combine has applied to the Government for a prolongation of the moratorium until May 1 in order to facilitate the continuation of the enquiry into the combine's affairs.—Reuter.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

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Arrived Hongkong on Tuesday,
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Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Thursday the 7th April, 1932, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 4th April, 1932. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No claims will be admitted and the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 20th April, 1932, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th April, 1932, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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London, Mar. 31.

A specially designed flying boat, in which a young Japanese aviator, Yoshihara, will attempt to fly from San Francisco to Tokyo, was carried aboard the White Star liner Olympic, which left Southampton for New York to-day.

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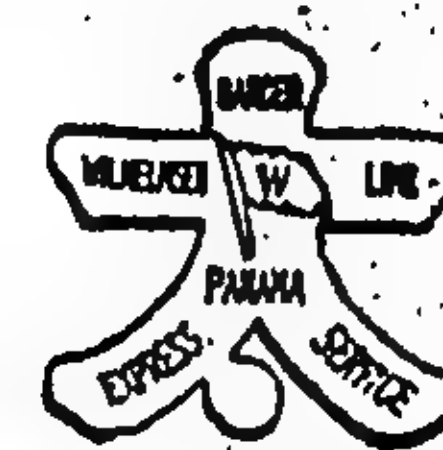
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CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London
RWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, M's & L'don
RANPURA	17,000	7th May.	Bombay, M's & L'don
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ALIPORE	5,300	6th Apr.	Moji & Kobe
RANPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	7,000	8th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
SIRDHANA	8,000	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
IBANGLORE	6,500	31st Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANOHI	17,000	5th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
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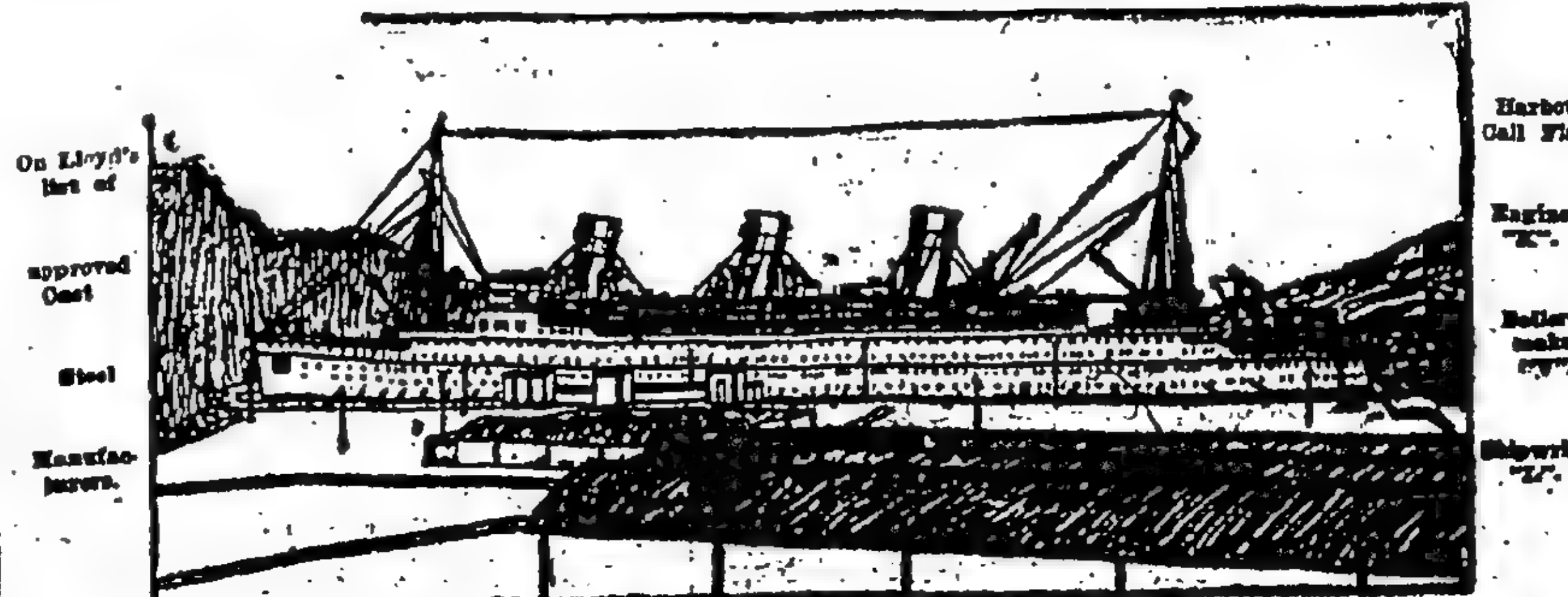
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CHORUS OF PRAISE.

London, Mar. 31.

The Treasury announces that gold-dollar bills maturing in New York on March 29 to the value of £330,000,000 have been repaid, as has likewise the credit of £900,000,000 given by the French banks.

The Treasury retains the right to re-borrow for twelve months, part of the arrangement when the credits were granted in August and September last.

"An Honoured Firm."

The chorus of praise which has greeted Britain's financial integrity in having already repaid the bulk of the credits borrowed from France and the United States in August and September last, most of them before they fell due, continues.

In an article appearing in *Paris Midi*, entitled "When Britain Owes She Pays," M. Lejeune, the well-known writer on financial subjects, declares that if signatures were respected elsewhere as they are in London, the world crisis would be a thing of the past.

"If there is a flight of capital to-day from certain countries which are consequently unable to keep their engagements, it is often because these countries have themselves depreciated their signature and frightened away capital by their complete disdain of the most sacred contracts," he adds.

"Virtue of Gold."

"Great Britain, on the contrary, thinks that her signature is worth something. She has remained Puritan when it is a question of keeping her word. If the pound did not fall as much as might have been expected when the gold standard was abandoned, it was because the name of Britain on a banknote represents that of an honoured firm, which has something of the very virtue of gold."

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ELEVEN TRAFFIC CONVICTIONS.

INDIAN MAY LOSE LICENCE.

With no fewer than 10 previous convictions against him for traffic offences, an Indian motor-driver, Anub Singh, was charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with driving a motor-car whilst in an intoxicated condition along Nathan Road on March 29.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5. His Worship further recommended his licence to be permanently cancelled.

Traffic Inspector Mason, who prosecuted, stated that in 1928, defendant met with a serious accident on the Castle Peak Road. He fell asleep whilst carrying European passengers, and drove his car against a tree.

NAVAL OFFICERS ROBBED.

THIEF GETS FOUR MONTHS.

A Chinese said by the police to be without employment, was sent to prison for four months at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning for the theft of a gold watch and leather wallet from Lt. Cdr. Addington, of H.M.S. Tamar, and of a gold finger ring from Lt. Paymaster Vallance, of the same ship.

It was stated that after being arrested by the police, who found the articles on him, accused gave the latter every assistance in tracing the owners.

On a summons for dangerous driving, the Chinese driver of a public car was fined \$25 by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning. It was stated that defendant swerved whilst driving in Hennessy Road in order to frighten a pedestrian after several others had crossed the thoroughfare.

would seem to be the evasion of their just obligations?" asks M. Stephane Lauzanne, in the course of an article which he contributes to the *Matin*.

"One would love to see the remarkable example just set by Great Britain followed by the whole world," adds M. Lauzanne, "and one would also like to see Great Britain herself say to the whole world 'Go and do likewise,' and then both confidence and morality would once again prosper in the world." *Reuter and Ex.*

War Area Rents Renounced.

SHANGHAI LAND CO.'S DECISION.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

An exceedingly generous gesture by the Shanghai Land Investment Company was disclosed to-day by notices distributed in certain districts of the Settlement.

The notices reveal that the Company propose to grant exemption from the payment of rent for February and March to Chinese tenants of premises north of the Soochow Creek and other districts affected by the recent conflict in the Settlement area.

The Investment Company have also suffered considerable losses, but they wish to show goodwill and sympathy to their tenants who had paid up all their rents prior to February.

Strike Terminates.

Another sign of the desire of residents of Shanghai for normal conditions is the resumption of all Chinese business to-day after a strike of two months.

Satisfactory progress is being made by the authorities in the task of cleaning up Chapel and to improve sanitary and living conditions in all the war areas.

The work is being speeded up in order that it shall be completed before the warm weather sets in. *—Reuter.*

BALKAN FINANCE CRISIS.

LEAGUE COMING TO RESCUE.

London, Mar. 31.

Owing to the gravity of the financial situation in Austria, Hungary, Greece, and Bulgaria, a meeting of the League of Nations Council has been summoned for April 12th.

This action is taken following the report of the Financial Committee of the League which recently met in Paris. Geneva messages state that the report advances proposals for ameliorating the situation which demand the prompt attention of the League Council. *—British Wireless.*

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is central to the east of Shanghai and has weakened considerably. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine generally.

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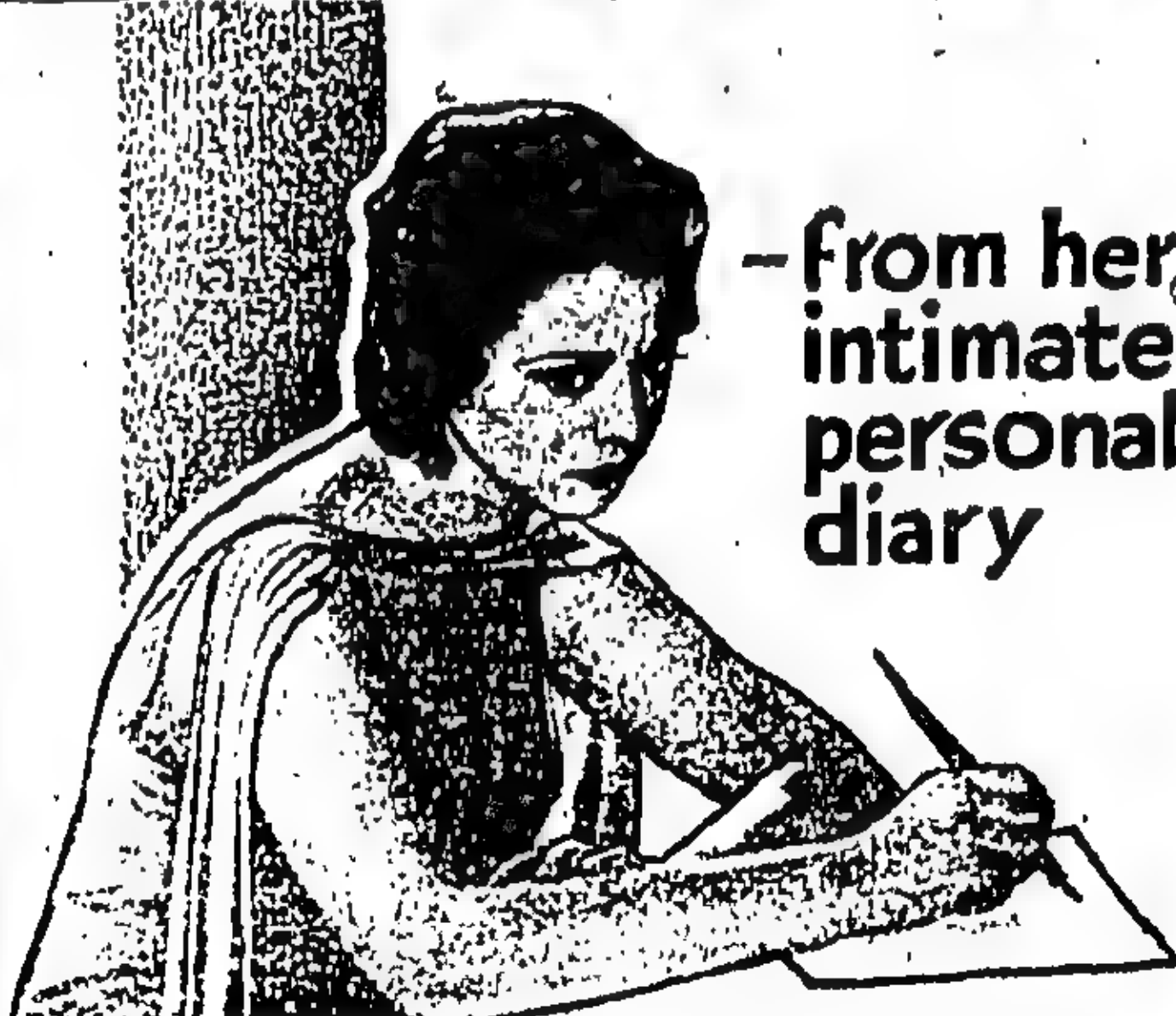
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Our photo shows one of the numerous Chinese snipers, who continue their activities in the region of the Japanese lines.

"WHEN BRITAIN OWES SHE PAYS."

Puritan in Keeping Her Word.

CHORUS OF PRAISE.

London, Mar. 31.
The Treasury announces that gold-dollar bills maturing in New York on March 29 to the value of \$430,000,000 have been repaid, as has likewise the credit of \$900,000,000 given by the French banks.

The Treasury retains the right to re-borrow for twelve months, part of the arrangement when the credits were granted in August and September last.

"An Honoured Firm"

The chorus of praise which has greeted Britain's financial integrity in having already repaid the bulk of the credits borrowed from France and the United States in August and September last, most of them before they fell due, continues.

In an article appearing in *Paris Mid*, entitled "When Britain Owes She Pays," M. Lejeune, the well-known writer on financial subjects, declares that if signatures were respected elsewhere as they are in London, the world crisis would be a thing of the past.

"If there is a light of capital today from certain countries which are completely unable to keep their engagements, it is often because these countries have themselves depreciated their signature and frightened away capital by their complete disdain of the sacred contracts," he adds.

"Virtue of Gold"

"Great Britain, on the contrary, thinks that her signature is worth something. She has remained Puritan when it is a question of keeping her word. If the pound did not fall as much as might have been expected when the gold standard was abandoned, it was because the name of Britain on a banknote represents that of an honoured firm, which has something of the very virtue of gold.

"But Britain's signature symbolises centuries of financial rectitude. 'Virtue,' it is said, 'is its own reward,' and Britain is to-day strengthening the future of her currency."

First of Great People.

"How is it possible that England, who in almost dramatic circumstances has just shown that the first care of a great people should be to pay what they owe, can yet display so much indulgence towards people whose primary care would seem to be the evasion of their just obligations?" asks M. Stephano Lauzanne, in the course of an article which he contributes to the *Matin*.

"One would love to see the remarkable example just set by Great Britain followed by the whole world," adds M. Lauzanne, "and one would also like to see Great Britain herself say to the whole world 'Go and do likewise,' and then both confidence and morality would once again prosper in the world."

ARMISTICE TALKS FUTILE.

Geneva Cables Humming.

IMPATIENCE ON BOTH SIDES.

Geneva, Mar. 31.
It is futile to continue the armistice discussion in Shanghai in the opinion of the Chinese Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, who has cabled to Mr. W. W. Yen, informing him that the Japanese are adamant in refusing to withdraw completely.

Meanwhile, Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, who has played an important part in the Geneva parleys, has also cabled to Geneva reporting further warlike incidents in the region of Taichang (Taichang)—*Reuter*.

PEACE DISSENSION.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Apr. 1, 10.08 a.m.
The peace conference at the British Consulate broke up with the prospect of final agreement further away than ever, according to well-informed circles, although in the course of the early discussions many vexed points had been cleared up.

Success or failure, however, seems to hinge up on the withdrawal of the Japanese forces. The Japanese are apparently quite prepared to set a time for their withdrawal to a second line, but refuse point blank to consider further steps until outstanding questions have been settled.

SIGNS OF IMPATIENCE.

The Chinese in their turn, state that they cannot enter into any negotiations for the settlement of political questions until the Japanese troops have withdrawn, either to Japan, or to within the boundaries of the International Settlement.

On this point, the delegates are completely at loggerheads, and there is, further, sign of impatience on both sides.

FRONT LINE EVENTS.

It is reported that skirmishes are becoming more frequent in the Taichang area, several stiff brushes having occurred. Chinese reports state that an attack was launched by a detachment of about four hundred men, their objective being unknown. They were driven off, it is claimed, after suffering considerable casualties.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are establishing machine-gun nests at Chenju, well behind their present front lines, and at Hwangtu. It is also reported that the Japanese are commencing to modernise the fortifications of Woosung!

JAPANESE BADLY INJURED.

MOB ASSAULT IN FRENCHTOWN.

Shanghai, Apr. 1, 11.25 a.m.
The Japanese are highly incensed following a mob attack on a Japanese printer in the French Concession yesterday afternoon.

The man, who was 27 years of age, was attacked and terribly beaten by an infuriated mob, consisting mainly of coolies, who left him lying unconscious in the street.

THE VILLAGE RD. MURDER.

TWO MEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

DETAINED ON RIVERBOAT.

An important development in connexion with the crime in Village Road last week, when Mr. George Fung was fatally wounded by an unknown assailant, who shot him in the back, coincided yesterday afternoon with the arrival of the Canton boat, C.I.D. men, waiting on the wharf, took two of the arrivals into custody.

Following the shooting, police enquiries led to the belief that jealousy was the motive and they have conducted their investigations on this assumption. Several persons have been closely questioned.

Hired Assassin.

The Police have good reason to believe that the murder was not committed by the principal in the affair but that the assassin was hired for the purpose. The name of the person suspected of instigating the crime was in the possession of the Police very shortly after their investigations had commenced but it was found that he had left for Canton.

It was not until yesterday afternoon that the Police were able to make another move in the process of their investigations, but on the arrival of the Canton boat they detained two men who are now in custody.

Police Difficulties.

It is not considered advisable to reveal the identity of the men arrested, as a high Police official this morning intimated that the difficulty of bringing the crime home to any individual was enhanced by the inability of Miss Lai Ming-fay, who was with the murdered man, to assist in identification. The shot had been fired and the assailant had slipped into a side lane almost simultaneously.

DESCENT ON WALL STREET.

WASHINGTON SEARCH FOR REVENUE.

MARKET TAXES.

Washington, Mar. 31.
Continuing their quest for new sources of revenue in their budget-balancing drive, the House of Representatives today turned its attention to Wall Street despite the keenest opposition of members from New York.

The House voted taxes of one quarter of one per cent. on the sale prices of stocks and shares, five cents per \$100 on the sales of grain, cotton and other produce, fifty cents per \$500 on real estate conveyances, and one-eighth of one per cent. on all bond transactions.

—*Reuter's American Service*.

DOLLAR SLIGHTLY DOWN.

SILVER AGAIN ON THE DECLINE.

With silver down both in London and New York, the Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th this morning, the rate being 1s. 3 1/4d. The market locally is inclined to be easy.

Silver fell a farthing in London, both spot and forward. Speculators bought, and China operated both ways. The market was quiet. After the official fixing there was no special feature, the market being uncertain.



The Japanese are still suffering casualties as a result of almost daily skirmishes along the Shanghai front. Our photo shows ambulance men taking a wounded comrade back.

War Area Rents Renounced.

SHANGHAI LAND CO.'S DECISION.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

An exceedingly generous gesture by the Shanghai Land Investment Company was disclosed today by notices distributed in certain districts of the Settlement.

The notices reveal that the company propose to grant exemption from the payment of rent for February and March to Chinese tenants of premises north of the Soochow Creek and other districts affected by the recent conflict in the Settlement area.

The Investment Company have also suffered considerable losses, but they wish to show goodwill and sympathy to their tenants who had paid up all their rents prior to February.

Strike Terminates.

Another sign of the desire of residents of Shanghai for normal conditions is the resumption of all Chinese business to-day after a strike of two months.

Satisfactory progress is being made by the authorities in the task of cleaning up Chupai and to improve sanitary and living conditions in all the war areas.

The work is being speeded up in order that it shall be completed before the warm weather sets in.

—*Reuter*.

KIRIN "REBELS" CAPITULATE.

ASSISTING THE NEW REGIME.

Harbin, April 1.
It is reported that the Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Second Brigades of the old Kirin Army have capitulated and are enrolling in the new army.

The Twenty-Eighth Brigade arrived from Imienpo this morning and it is reported that it will be transferred to the southern line for suppression of bandits. The Twenty-Second Brigade will be stationed at Imienpo.—*Reuter*.

BOMB INCIDENT SEQUEL.

VICTIM SUCCUMBS IN HOSPITAL.

Tsai Yuen, the coolie who was seriously injured by the bomb explosion in the compound of St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, died at the Government Civil Hospital at 5 o'clock this morning.

As the man had been practically unconscious ever since his removal to hospital, it now seems certain that the police will be unable to solve the mystery surrounding the explosion.

BRITAIN £364,000 ON RIGHT SIDE.

REMARKABLY STRONG BUDGET FIGURES.

THE MOST REMARKABLE YEAR in Britain's financial history ended at midnight with the revised budget not only balanced but leaving a surplus of £364,000 after providing £32,500,000 for the redemption of debt.

The Treasury announcement marks the successful completion of the first stage of the National Government's programme to lay a sound foundation for future prosperity by first establishing confidence at Home and abroad.

The happy position has been confidently anticipated and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, instead of sitting anxiously at the Treasury awaiting the final figures, is taking his ease at a Dee-side fishing village.

ANALYSIS OF YEAR'S WORKING.

London, Mar. 31.
The Government's financial year ended to-day and the complete Treasury returns for the year are published, the statement accompanying the abstract of accounts, stating:
"The Budget has been balanced, with a surplus of £364,000 after providing £32,500,000 for the redemption of debt."
"This result has been achieved notwithstanding a decision to limit the amount paid to miscellaneous revenue from the Exchange Account to £12½ millions, including interest, instead of £25 millions including interest, contemplated last September."

Income Tax Surplus.

"The expenditure on supply services is £12½ millions less than the September forecast, the reductions realised having been £34½ millions as against £12 millions contemplated in September. It will be observed that not merely were the estimates of the yield of income tax and surtax realised but they provided a surplus of £19 millions towards meeting deficits on the other heads of revenue."

The National Accounts show that the revenue during the year amounted to £770,963,000 and the expenditure to £770,599,000. The revised budget forecasted Exchequer receipts from income tax of £272 millions and from surtax of £273 millions. The amounts received in the year are respectively £287,400,000 and £76,700,000.

Death Duty Surprise.

On the other hand, estate Duties have only yielded £66,000,000, which is £18 millions less than the budget estimate, while Stamps, which were estimated to produce £20 millions fell short by three millions.

Customs and excise revenue was estimated to produce a total of £253 millions. The actual receipts have exceeded this sum by £3 millions but of this about £2 millions is on account of the now-imposed duties under the Abnormal Importation Act, the Horticultural Products Act and the Import Duties Act.

Post Office Down.

The Post Office net receipt is £700,000 less than expected, and there is a further shortage in receipts from sundry loans and miscellaneous items. These two latter heads were estimated at £58,200,000 and have realised £43,725,000. The difference is due mainly to the reduction in the amount paid to miscellaneous revenue from the exchange account.

On the expenditure side, the permanent debt charge as revised by the September budget was fixed at £322 millions, which included £32½ millions for debt redemption. The whole of this sum has been issued and applied in the manner provided.

Empty Bayings.

On the supply services, a substantial saving is shown. The

DARTMOOR TRIAL SENSATION.

LETTER TO AN OFFICIAL.

"WHY I STARTED THE FIRE."

(*Reuter's Special Service*).

London, Mar. 31.

An amazing statement, in the course of which one of the convicts accused in connexion with the Dartmoor Prison mutiny in January last is alleged to have admitted that he was responsible for starting the fire, was read in court at Princetown today.

This dramatic statement wound up the case for the prosecution during the hearing of the charges against the thirty-two alleged ringleaders.

The letter was addressed to Major Fannall of the Governor's Office and was signed by James Cosgrave.

"I am Not Sorry."

It states:
"I was standing outside the Governor's Office, which was all smashed up. I entered by a window and found six men there. I got hold of a newspaper and started the fire. I then left the building."

"I am not sorry. I have my own reasons for what I did. I would do the same again. I will let the Home Office know why I started the fire, later."

Committed for Trial.

All the accused were committed for trial with the exception of a man named Richardson, who was discharged, and another named Delhurst, who is to give evidence.

Cosgrave is the man who saved the life of one of the prison officials, intervening when a crowd of convicts seemed likely to attack him.

CANADA AND THE FREE STATE.

OTTAWA REPORT DENIED.

Ottawa, Mar. 31.

A most emphatic denial of the report in a local paper regarding a possible refusal of a seat at the Imperial Economic Conference to the Irish Free State was given by the Prime Minister, Mr. R. B. Bennett, in the House of Commons.

The report, already denied unofficially, suggested that Canada contemplated refusal if Ireland abolished the Oath of Allegiance. It was pointed out that the Government had not even considered the matter.

Mr. Bennett said that the Free State had already accepted an invitation to the Conference and had agreed to a postponement of the opening of the conference from July 18 to July 21 to suit the convenience of some of the delegates.

—*Reuter*.

RUBBER PLANTER MYSTERY.

Nice, Apr. 1.
Mr. Ernest M. T. Cummins, a well-known Malay States rubber planter, who has been living since last summer in a small villa at Monte Carlo, has been found dead in circumstances which have led the police to prosecute enquiries.

—*Reuter*.

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ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

CHAIRMAN REVIEWS THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

PRESENTATIONS.

A successful year was reported by the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong in its annual meeting, held in the premises of the Institute last evening. Mr. P. T. Farrell presided, supported by members of the Committee.

In reviewing the past year's activities, the Chairman said: "Gentlemen, it is with regret that the Committee report the loss by death of the following members:—Messrs. W. R. Cochran, H. E. Hendry, C. Mason, E. D. Penhale, K. K. Staple and J. Roberts. I would therefore ask you to stand up as a mark of respect."

The report and statement of accounts in respect of the year ended December 31, 1931, have been in your hands for the requisite period and I will therefore, with your permission, take them as read. I have no doubt that you will wholeheartedly agree with me when I say that the year 1931 has, for us, proved a distinct success and I might say the results as shown in the statement of accounts now submitted for your confirmation have surpassed even the expectations of your Committee. To my mind these results reflect the greatest credit on each and every member of this Institution. As you will see from a perusal of the accounts, we show a net profit of \$5,202.71 as against a net loss of \$2,074.32 in 1930. In this connection I would mention that with the exception of a very small profit for 1927, amounting to \$296.74, our results since 1926 have been most disappointing, not to say disheartening.

It is therefore all the more encouraging that your Committee are now able to submit a statement of accounts which, they trust, will merit your commendation. There are, however, a few points on which you may require explanations. They are as follows:

Salaries, Wages and Shop's Commission: Increase on 1930 \$360.87 accounted for by small increases to a few members of the staff, necessitated by the high cost of living, due to drop in exchange. Charges—Increase on 1930 \$517.27. Among the major items of expenditure in this account are the following: Cleaning and overhauling fans..... \$79.85 Renewing servants' uniforms..... 109.20 Lamert Brothers, for revaluation of furniture, &c..... 200.00 Repairs to furniture, &c..... 203.50 Refurbishing of Ladies' Room..... 420.85 Premium on Hongkong Government Loan (portion written off) is self-explanatory and, I think, needs no further comment. The balance of premium to be written off, as reflected in the Balance Sheet, viz: \$350.00 will all be dealt with this year.

Redecoration of premises (annual provision) \$500.00: You will, I am sure, concur with the action of your Committee in placing this sum annually to Reserve out of profits to meet exceptional expenditure which will, of necessity, have to be incurred for redecorating our premises. This should be done every five years and will probably cost us some \$2,000. I might add that this expenditure is entirely for our account; the landlords will not undertake interior decoration of premises.

Details Of Income. Turning to income: I do not consider explanations of the various increases are necessary. They are so obvious. As you will see from a perusal of the report, many new members were elected, and, alas, some have resigned. This is, naturally reflected in the increases in entrance fees and subscriptions. Bar profits show a substantial increase. Subscriptions and bar profits are the backbone of the Institute.

Due to the fall in exchange and consequent increase in the prices we had to pay for our stocks, we were compelled to increase bar prices. They were somewhat reduced on December 1, 1931, but I would like to emphasize that in spite of the large increase over 1930 in bar profits, the Hon. Treasurer states that percentage profit on cost for 1931 is 8 per cent. against 41.4 per cent. for 1930, a decrease of 33.4 per cent. I would assure you that our level best to maintain prices at a safety margin, and a fair one to all concerned, and as outside prices favour us so we shall, in turn, adjust prices to a more favourable figure.

You must remember that our overhead expenses are heavy (although your Committee have kept a vigilant eye on such) and though we do not aim to finish the year with a large profit, yet we cannot sustain losses. We are all in the same boat and I would therefore ask you to put your trust in your Committee with the assurance that they are doing their best to please all concerned.

I do not think there are any further points in connection with the accounts which need comment. The Hon. Treasurer's report covers the ground in a short and comprehensive manner. The writing up of Fixed Assets, as at June 30, 1931, to the Auction Valuation placed on them by an independent and disinterested firm of Valuers has received the approval of our auditors.

The Library. Turning to the library: It is really gratifying to note the continued popularity of the Library. This is evident by the increasing circulation of books which, according to the Librarian's report, was 14,687 in 1931, being an increase of 3,818 over 1930 and 4,357 over 1929. To run a Library in an efficient manner is no easy task and our thanks are due to Mr. Latham, the Hon. Librarian, for the hard work he has put in during the past year in an endeavour to keep our Library up to date and gratify the taste of our "reading" members. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Mycock for carrying on during Mr. Latham's short absence from the Colony. The Library is closely akin to the Reading Rooms, and I would here remark that many complaints were received during the past year of periodicals being torn or otherwise mutilated. This is very regrettable and I might say has caused your Committee serious concern.

Should withdrawing all periodicals from the Reading Rooms (which would really be disastrous and which your Committee were extremely loath to do) we can only ask for your hearty co-operation in preserving all reading matter in as clean and complete a state as possible and report to any member of the Committee cases where misuse of books or other reading matter has occurred, with the name of the defaulter.

Billiards have shown up remarkably well and we have also to thank Mr. Taylor and his Committee for the keen and energetic manner in which they have boosted this ancient and honourable game.

From a perusal of the House Committee's report you will have observed that certain improvements have been effected, but much still remains to be done as and when finances permit. We are indebted to the House Committee, and also to others, who have given their time and service throughout the year in making our rooms comfortable and attractive.

Dances were held in the months of December, January and February, 1932, and proved very successful. It is hoped to continue these functions during the winter months. Other entertainments, as well as the Literary Council's reports, are embodied in the main report in your hands and we trust they have your approval.

Mr. G. J. Harman Retiring. Finally, it is with very great regret I have to announce that we are this year losing an old and loyal member in the person of Mr. G. J. Harman. Mr. Harman is sailing for Home on retirement on (I think) (Continued on Page 11.)

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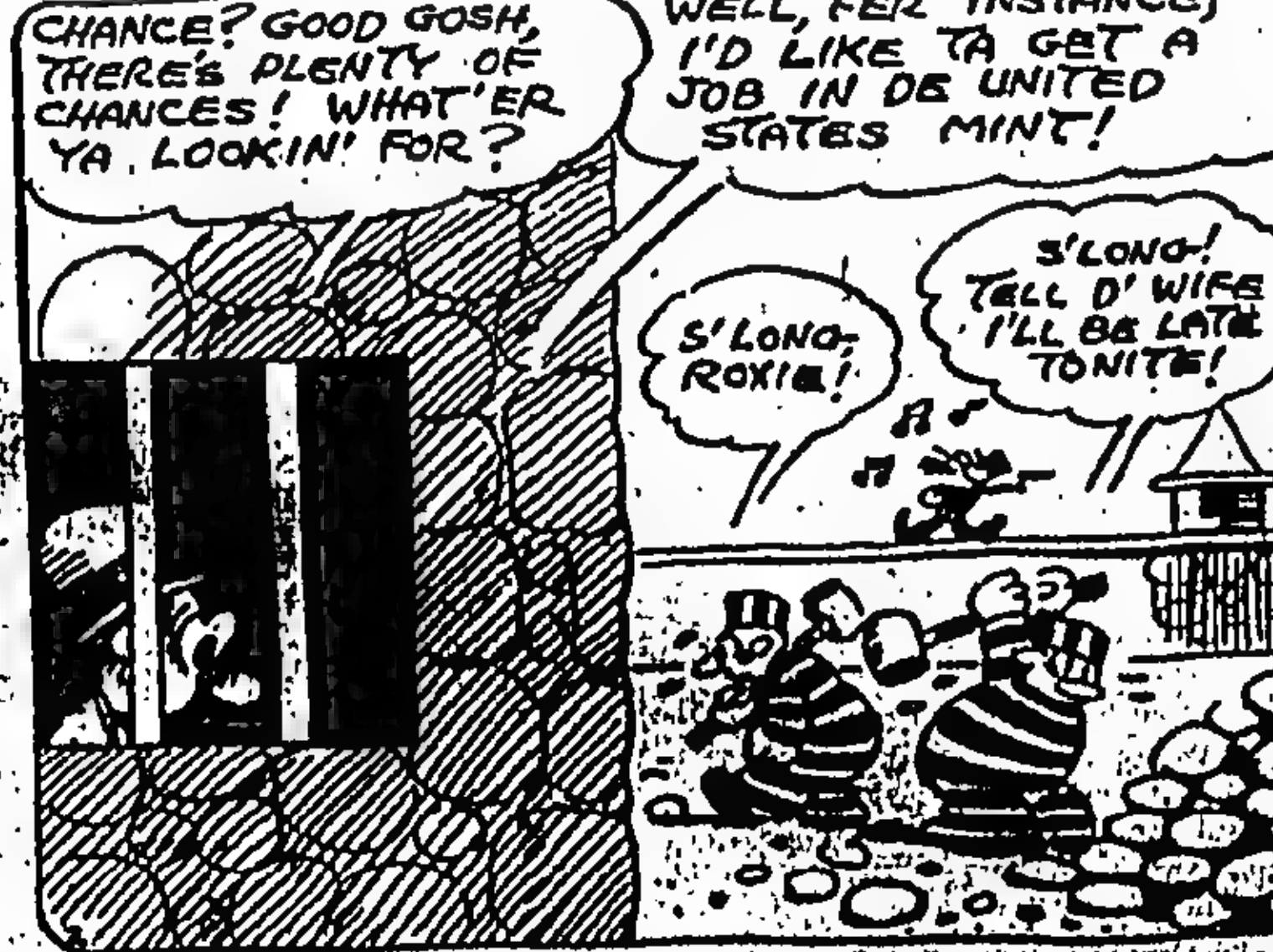
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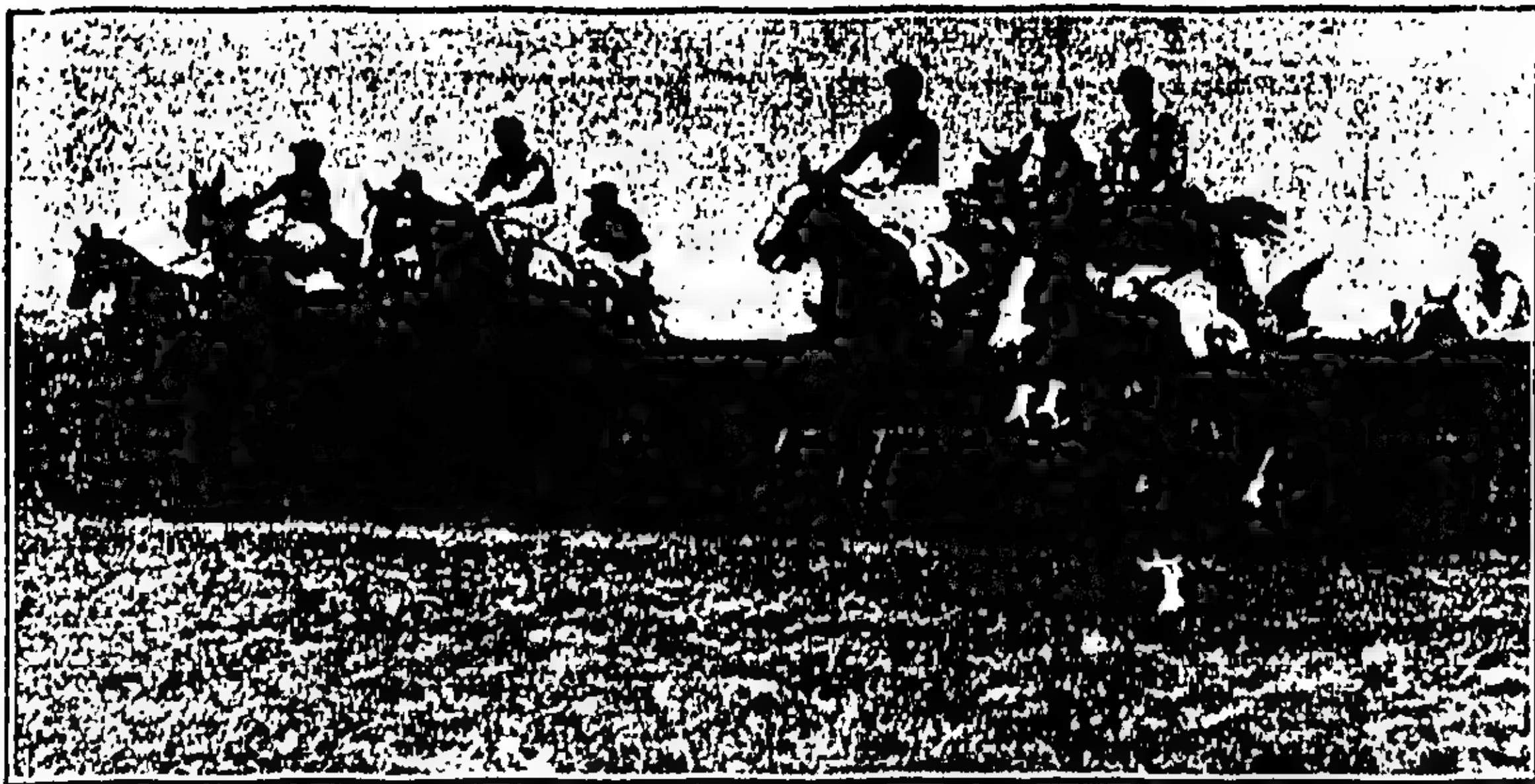
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FRENCH AIRMEN'S ADVENTURE: CAMBRIDGE CREW ON THAMES AT GORING.



TAKING THE FIRST FENCE in the Twosdown Open Cup at the Aldershot Military Meeting. There was a field of twenty five for the race, which was won by the Mr. J. P. A. G. Graham's Lane. (Times copyright).



A picture taken near Goring showing the Cambridge boat race crew returning from a morning outing. (Times copyright).



The three French airmen, MM. Reginald, Touge, and Lenier, photographed on their arrival at Algiers with members of the rescue party after their hazardous adventure in the Sahara, where they were stranded after a forced landing. M. Reginald (see reading telegram) marched 75 miles across the desert to seek help. (Times copyright).

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

Ann and Cecily Fenwick have for years supported themselves their younger sister, Mary-Frances, and their grandparents, known as "Boscoe" and "Grand". Because of this financial responsibility Ann, who is 28, is unable to marry Phil, a young lawyer to whom she has been engaged for eight years. Cecily, 22, loves Barry McKelvey, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses to marry him because she is engaged to Ann.

Mary-Frances is, and still is, school, believes herself in love with Earl De Armount, a vaudeville actor whom she has met without the knowledge of her sisters. He urges her to leave home and become his stage partner. Ann and Phil quarrel when she hears that Mary-Frances is going to marry Earl. Ann tries to forget Phil by going about with Kenneth Smith, rich and attractive, but when Smith asks her to marry him she refuses. Mary-Frances agrees to go away with De Armount. They set out in his car. The same day Cecily quarrels with her grandfather. She comes home with news that she and Barry are to be married that evening. Ann discovers Mary-Frances is missing, because she has eloped with De Armount. Finally a search is begun.

CHAPTER XLIV

"No, I think not," Joe Hill told Ann over the telephone. "The garage people said that he mentioned Blumount for to-night, and his landlady said she heard him say that he was going to Blumount. There is a popular resort there, you know. They may have gone there for—well, first, and planned to go north later. I don't know what it's worth, but his landlady said he seemed a decent enough fellow—quiet at least, and not a drinker nor a drunk addict. She claimed to like him. Said he paid his bills. I couldn't get anything around the theatre—nobody seemed to know anything about him. I'll be getting along now. I think I'll start scouting the highways. Heard from Uncle Cheney?"

"He called. But only to find out about the make of the car."

"All right. Don't give up hope. I'll call later."

Ann waited.

The telephone bell.

"Miss Fenwick, Ermintrude says that the man said he was only 22 years old. That is better, isn't it, than if he were older? And, dear, from what Ermintrude says, I am sure that as yet everything has been—well, perfectly harmless."

"As yet," said Ann.

"Yes. But she's only a child, and we'll get her home again. We'll find ways to keep her happy and sweet. She'll forget. I want so much to help you, later. I've been thinking of ways I can help—when we get her home again—if you'll let me. I must. I—I—Well, I'll call you later."

Ann thought, "Now, isn't that odd? That pretty fat little Mrs. Hill is crying, and I'm not crying at all."

She waited.

The telephone bell.

"Hello. Hello. Walnut 5845? Hold the line, please. Long Distance calling Miss Fenwick from Cutter?"

"Cutter? What a queer name. Where was there a place named Cutter? Perhaps Mary-Frances was sorry. Had changed her mind. Dear dear God, if you will please—"

"Here's your party. Go ahead, please."

"Hello. Hello. Oh, that you Miss Fenwick? This is Hostetter speaking—"

ing—Chumey Hostetter. I'm out here at a place named Fenwick—no, Cutter, I mean. Well, the constable says that a couple passed through here this evening going licketty-split in a car as described. About six o'clock. Licketty-split—he could just see that it was a fellow and a girl. Of course, there were lots of yellow cars and all—still, I don't know. Heard from you?"

"Yes. He says that the man did have a desk that he said he had to return to Denver, and that he has taken it with him."

"Ugh-huh? Well, I kind of thought that from the first. Now, what I was thinking was that I might as well come in and get hold of Joe and—well, kind of put this thing up to the police after all. If that was them passing through here in the yellow car they're headed for Denver—but it isn't going to do much good for me to trail along after them, three hours behind, in this broken down old boat of mine. We could get telegrams going on ahead—India, Mondel Surings, Topknot Point—I got a road map here—so on. What do you think?"

"Oh, yes. I think yes. Perhaps I'd best get in touch with the police right away and not wait for Mr. Hill."

"Haven't heard yet from the folks that went to Blumount?"

"No. I don't understand it. I'm expecting a call every second now. There must have been time."

"Well, I'll tell you what. You wait till you hear from the folks at Blumount. There's a dog's chance from that direction. I'll wait you, I'd wait and let Joe or me go to the police. It's a man's job; not a lady's. If you hear from Joe, you tell him what I said. I'll come right on in now."

Ann waited.

The telephone bell.

"Miss Fenwick, I was thinking, Mr. Ecroyd is a lawyer, isn't he? If he knows the district attorney, and we do have to go to the police, mightn't he be able to keep it out of the papers?"

"I thought of that, Mrs. Hill. He's a friend of the district attorney's. But he isn't at home. I can't reach him. But Mr. Hostetter just telephoned, and he said—"

"Oh, I don't know, dear," Mrs. Hill disputed, when Ann had finished telling her what Uncle Cheney had said. "No, I don't know. To me it seems so important to keep it absolutely quiet."

"Not as important as getting her home again. No. Not nearly."

"Well, dear—yes. More important, in some ways. It isn't as if she didn't have to go on with her life, and her school and so on, right here in Portland."

"But she doesn't. She wouldn't, at all, I could take her away—anywhere. I've had an opportunity lately—I've decided positively, this evening to accept it. I can take her someplace where it has never been heard of. We can live there—always. Switzerland—anywhere. I can take good care of her. Give her things—"



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"I know. But she is so young. And scandals do follow—come up—"

"Only, you see, Mrs. Hill, Ann's voice was low and formal, 'scandals don't matter. You—she is my sister. My baby sister. You see—that is all that matters. She is my baby sister. And I have to get her back. I have to get her with me and take care of her. You take good care of Ermintrude. Mary-Frances is my baby sister, and—"

"Dear, I know. I know," Mrs. Hill was crying again. "But it is her life, not yours. You haven't heard from Blumount, of course?"

"No, but—"

"Wait, at least, until you do. Wait until Joe comes back, and we'll all talk it over again together. Please. I'm older than you are. Such things—I—Well, I'll call you later."

Ann waited.

The telephone bell.

"Hello. Walnut 5845? Long distance calling Miss Fenwick from Proutville."

"I am Miss Fenwick."

"Hello. Hello, Proutville. Here's your party. Go ahead, please."

"Ann, they aren't at Blumount."

"Are you sure? Cissy, are you sure?"

"There's only one hotel there, and one store, and a few little houses. Everyone knows everyone else. We—we have to be sure."

"Cissy—Cissy—Cissy—Cissy—"

"Don't, dear. Don't."

"Where are you now? Why didn't you call me from Blumount?"

"The long distance place was closed. This is the first town where we could put through a call. We're coming right in, and—"

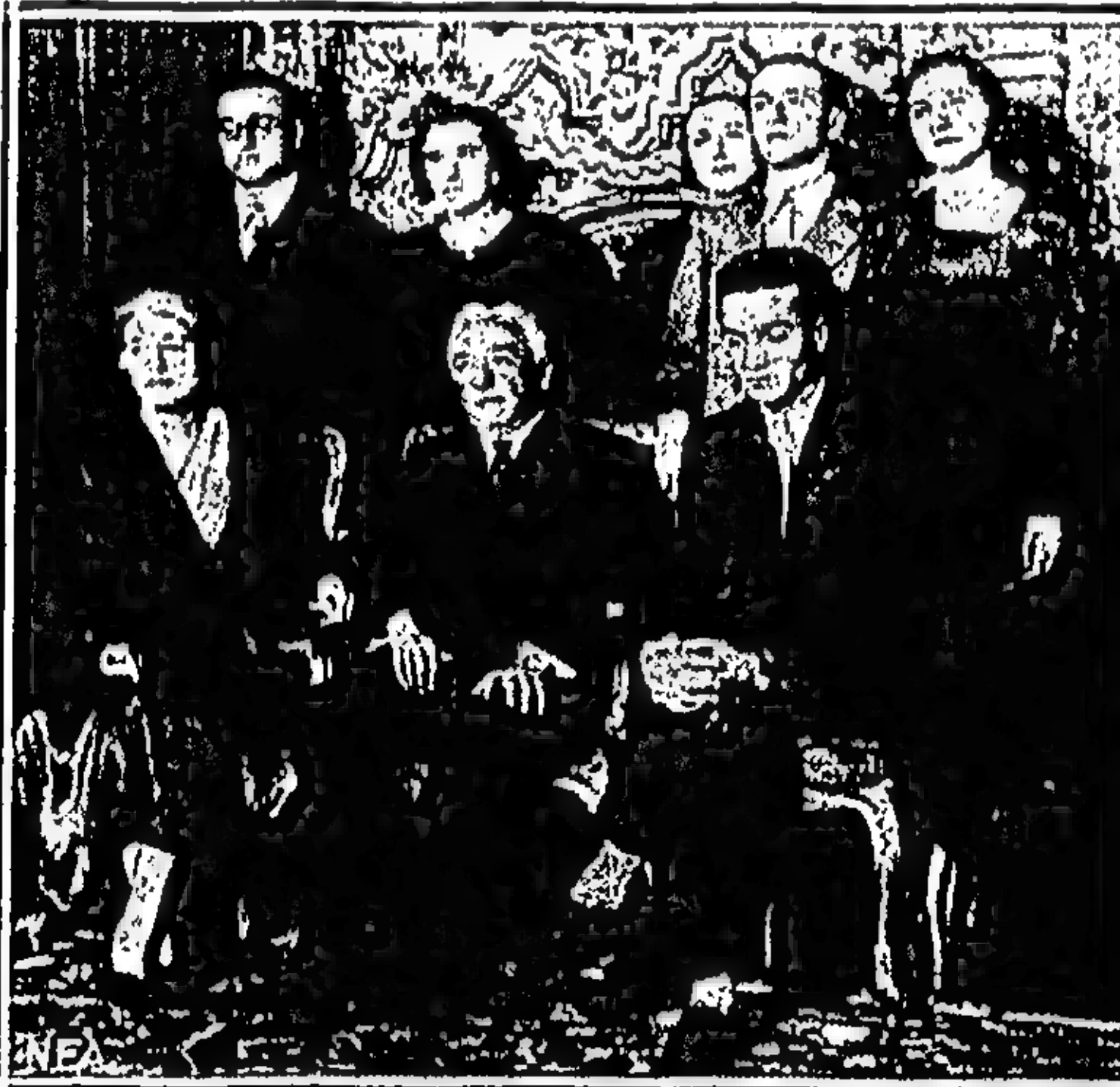
"But what will we do? What will we do? I don't care what anyone says, I'm going to the police."

"Wait, Ann. Barry says his uncle knows a man who could keep it out of the papers."

"I can't stand it any longer. We need real help."

"But you have to. As Barry says, it isn't as if the police could reach right out and get her immediately. They can't. But just one little paragraph about Jonathan Fenwick's granddaughter, and Mary-Frances will be beyond the pale. Barry says—"

"I don't care what Barry says. She may be somewhere this minute, frightened, crying, trapped—"



Don Niceto Alcala Zamora, president of the Spanish republic, with his wife and six children at their home in Madrid.

"You're thinking about moving pictures."

"How can you?"

"Ann, I don't want to be mean. But she is my sister, too, and—"

"Wait. Someone is at the front door. It might be—"

She ran to the door and wrenched it open.

Philip Ecroyd was standing there. He came into the hall and put his arms around Ann.

"You beautiful! I've come home. Dear, dearest, I got your message, and I came at once. I'd have crawled, Ann, but it took too long—"

Ann said, "Don't. I was talking over the telephone, and ran back to the dining-room. Philip followed her and heard her say:—"

"No, it was only Phil. Yes. Yes, of course. Yes, I'm sure he can. Yes. You know how careful he is."

She hung up the receiver.

Phil put his arms around her again. "Dearest—you'll listen and forgive me? Give me one more chance? It was all my fault."

"Never mind," said Ann, though she stayed in his arms from long habit. "We are in deep, terrible trouble. It is Mary-Frances. Cecily and I have been so full of our own affairs that we have neglected her frightfully. And to—"

night—"

The telephone bell.

"Hello."

"Hello, Ann—"

Ann swayed a trifle and caught hold of the telephone box.

"—this is Mary-Frances."

(To be Continued.)

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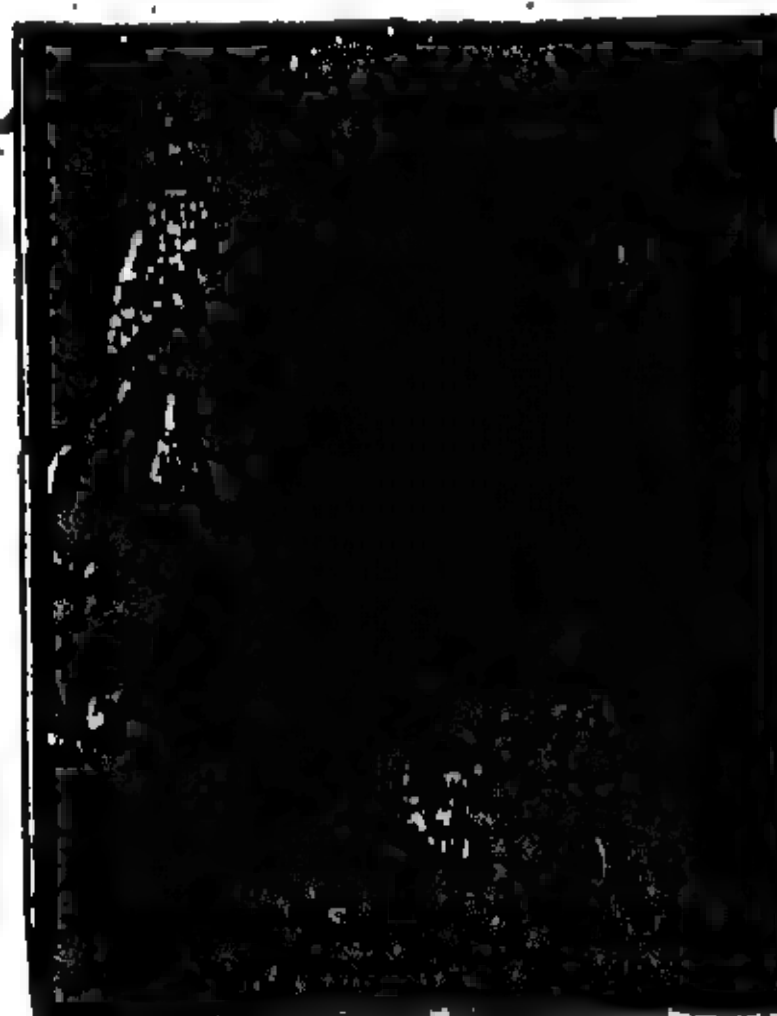
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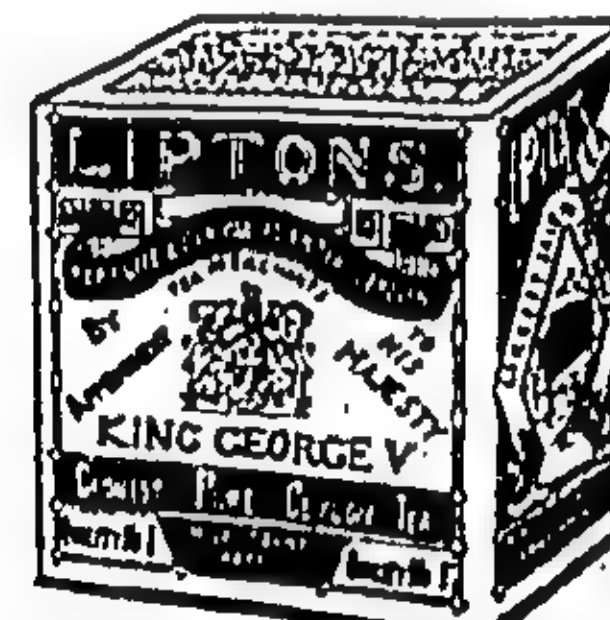
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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
No. 2819	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2819	Waterloo Road	100 feet by 100 feet	10,000	\$200	\$19,013

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
No. 2820	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2820	Waterloo Road	100 feet by 100 feet	10,000	\$200	\$19,013

JAPANESE DENIALS.

REPLY TO LATEST CHINESE ALLEGATIONS.

Tokyo, Mar. 31.
The Japanese Government today replied to the Chinese Note of March 24 accusing Japan of helping to establish the new Manchurian Government.

The Note states that Japan is unable to admit the truth of the Chinese charges, and recalls that its attitude towards the Manchurian Government was fully explained in a Note answering earlier, similar charges—that Japan sympathized with the new administration as she considered it held out hope of Japanese rights and interests in Manchuria being respected and peace being preserved, but denied that this sym-

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 8. 116.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Pier east of Eastern Street," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 11th day of April, 1932, for the occupation for a period commencing from the notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1932, of a pier as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 16th March, 1932, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset monthly fee \$200.
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the sum of \$250 has been deposited into the Colonial Treasury, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the accepted tenderer refusing to carry out the terms of his tender.

The deposits of the unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1932.

pathy entailed active support.—*Reuter.*

Plots Unearthed.

Tokyo, Mar. 31.
The recently unearthed plot to overthrow the new Government of Manchuria is not regarded seriously. It appears it has been nipped in the bud.

A total of 66 suspects have been rounded up as a result of suspicions as to a series of cases of incendiarism and sabotage since March 4, all part of a plot to embarrass the authorities.

Another plot is reported to have been unearthed yesterday at Antung, where the postmaster was found to be in collusion with malcontents for the purpose of causing anti-Japanese uprisings undermining the new Government of Manchuria.

Similar plots are expected sporadically until the new Government has been firmly established, but the authorities appear to be satisfied that they will be able to cope with all eventualities and are not seriously worried.—*Reuter.*

Joint Offensive.

Tokyo, Mar. 31.
The city of Nungun, southward of Changchun, which is at present held by anti-Manchukuo troops, will be the objective of a combined Japanese and Manchukuo offensive at dawn to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

PEACE HOPES AND FEARS.

GLOOM FOLLOWS OPTIMISM.

Shanghai, Mar. 31, 3.40 p.m.
Distinct progress is reported by both the general Peace Conference and its Military Sub-committee, which met separately this morning.

It is stated that the discussions have now been narrowed down to the major issues, and the Conference will meet again on Saturday morning. In the meantime the Chinese and Japanese delegations will consider and advise their respective Governments of the progress hitherto achieved.

It is reliably learned that Article 2 of the draft agreement, which provides that the Chinese troops shall temporarily remain in their present positions, has been virtually adopted. According to Japanese sources, the adoption of this article was facilitated by the withdrawal of the Chinese objection to the phrase "pending further settlement." Chinese confirmation is, however, still lacking, and it is impossible to find out how the article agreed upon reads.

The Military Sub-committee will probably meet on Saturday morning, if not earlier.

This morning's meeting of the sub-committee was significant in view of the fact that, for the first time since its inauguration, progress was made. Yesterday's outlook was gloomy, but to-day a feeling of general optimism prevails.—*Reuter.*

Progress Blocked.

Shanghai, Mar. 31, 7 p.m.
The refusal of the Japanese to agree to the Chinese demand that a time limit be fixed for the total withdrawal of the Japanese forces to the Settlement has blocked all progress in the Sino-Japanese conference, which held its ninth session this morning.

The conference has yet to decide the points to which the Japanese forces should withdraw, prior to total evacuation of the occupied territory.—*Reuter.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	95 1/2	96 1/2
Geneva	19.7/16	19.9/16
Berlin	15.75	15.15/16
Oslo	18.29/32	18.15/16
Helsingfors	215	215
Athens	290	300
Buenos Aires	37 1/2	37 1/2
Shanghai	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
Saigon	3.75	3.80
New York	9.32	9.13/32
Amsterdam	32	32
Vienna	49 1/2	50 1/2
Madrid	63 1/2	63 1/2
Bucharest	695	695
Hongkong	1/3.11/16	1/3.11/16
Brussels	26.05	27 1/2
Milan	72 1/2	70 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2	18 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2	12 1/2
Prague	127	110
Lisbon	100 1/2	100 1/2
Rio	4	4
Bombay	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Yokohama	1/9 1/2	1/9 1/2
Montevideo	29	29
Montreal	4.15	4.21
Silver (spot)	17 1/2	17 1/2
(forward)	17.15/16	17.11/16

—British Wireless.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Second Extra Race Meeting advertised to take place on Sunday, the 3rd April, 1932 has been postponed to Sunday, the 17th April, 1932.

By Order,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

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From	Per	Due
Straits	Somali	April 2.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only)	Hosang	April 2.
London	Parcels only London, 25th February	April 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 4th March)	Antenor	April 2.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Harrison	April 2.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only)	Nolloro	April 2.
London, 3rd March	Suwa Maru	April 2.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	April 3.
Japan	Arabia Maru	April 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 11th March)	Pres. Hoover	April 4.
Straits	Allpore	April 4.
Japan	Ghoro Maru	April 4.
Calcutta and Straits	Brisbane Maru	April 5.
U.S.A. and Shanghai	Takada	April 6.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 10th March)	Tiyo Maru	April 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	April 8.
	Corfu	April 8.

For	Per	Date and Time
Bangkok	Hermes	Fri., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Dorflinger	Fri., Apr. 1, 4.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.		

Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Madison	Fri., Apr. 1, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	1st April, 3 p.m.
	Registration 1st April	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	1st April, 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C., 10th April)		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Apr. 1, 4 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Fri., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Apr. 1, 5 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, *Australia, and *New Zealand via Brisbane	Nankin	Sat., Apr. 2, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	1st April, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 2, 5.15 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 16th April)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Kajima Maru	Sat., Apr. 2, 3 p.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Apr. 1, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Apr. 2, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 2, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 1st May)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Burdwan	Sat., Apr. 2, 3 p.m.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	1st April, 4.30 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 2, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 2, 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	1st April, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 2, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 2, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 30th April)	
Amoy	Tsinan	Sat., Apr. 2, 10 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Apr. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Borneo	Sat., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Suwa Maru	Sat., Apr. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Sat., Apr. 2, 4 p.m.
	Parcels	1st April, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	Sat., Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Com. Henri Riviere	Sat., Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Harrison	Sat., Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
Gango	Pres. Harrison	Sat., Apr. 2, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Somali	Sun., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
*Shanghai and Japan	Kalgan	Sun., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hozan Maru	Sun., Apr. 3, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hydrangae	Mon., Apr. 4, 3 p.m.
Swatow	Tjisalak	Tues., Apr. 5, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and *South American Ports	Arabia Maru	Tues., Apr. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Hinsang	Wed., Apr. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Tues., Apr. 5, 2 p.m.
Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Brisbane Maru	Tues., Apr. 5, 2 p.m.
	Parcels	Apr. 5, 2 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 5, 2.45 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 5, 3.30 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 18th April)	
Manila	Pres. Hoover	Tues., Apr. 5, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Daviken	Tues., Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Tatsuta Maru	Wed., Apr. 6, 3 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 5, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco, 27th April)	
Straits and Calcutta	Kumang	Wed., Apr. 6, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Apr. 6, Noon.
	Letters	Apr. 6, 1 p.m.

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MORE WUCHOW IMPROVEMENTS.**NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

Wuchow, Mar. 30. Wuchow's new Post Office building on Ch'ong Tain Lo is rapidly taking form under the able direction of the contractors in charge of building operations. Reinforced concrete is being used for the structural part of the building, which has already reached the second story. When completed, the new building will fill a long-felt need, as the present accommodation of the Wuchow branch of the Chinese postal system is inadequate for the volume of business which passes through the office.

The levelling and widening of the continuation of Nam Wan Lo is now in progress, and the portions of many houses have been razed. A narrow gauge track has been laid for more than five blocks through the centre of the city and over this, by means of dump trucks, tons of earth and building material removed from razed stores and dwellings is being conveyed. The material thus obtained is being used to fill in a large area of lowland which for years has been filled with green, stagnant water, and consequently was a great menace to the health of the community. —Our Own Correspondent.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE.**DECISION TO REOPEN THIS MORNING.**

Shanghai, Mar. 31. At the annual general meeting of the Stock Exchange, held today, it was decided that the exchange reopen to-morrow, after nearly two months' suspension of activities, but for the time being transactions will be confined to cash.

The bond market is not opening yet, but brisk business in domestic bonds is reported to be going on unofficially, buyers being in the majority.

To-morrow also there is to be a general reopening of Chinese shops in the Settlement, except the northern districts. There has been a partial suspension of business since early in the war, and business circles of the northern districts are asking the Shanghai Municipal Council for full protection by the police, and withdrawal of armed Japanese patrols, before they follow the lead of the other Chinese shopkeepers in the Settlement. —Reuter Special.

ROYAL FAMILY AT WINDSOR.**LITTLE PRINCESS'S BIRTHDAY.**

London, Mar. 31. The King and Queen this afternoon motored to Windsor Castle, where Their Majesties are expected to remain in residence throughout April. During their stay, they will be visited by the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess Royal and her husband, Lord Harewood, and other members of the Royal Family. Princess Elizabeth, who will be six on April 21st, will probably spend her birthday with her grandparents at the Castle. —British Wireless.

FATAL BLASTING ACCIDENT.**WORKER BLOWN TO PIECES.**

Terrible injuries which caused instantaneous death were received by a stone breaker at Shaikwan yesterday afternoon during blasting operations on the hillside near Tai Shek Street.

According to a report issued by the police, the accident occurred at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. The unfortunate man, Yik Kee, of 235, Main Street, Salween, was on the hillside when a blasting charge was fired and so severe were the injuries he received that his body was blown to pieces.

LONG DRAWN OUT STRIKE.**SOME UNIONS WANT TO GO ON.**

Enschede, Mar. 31. An agreement on the basis of gradual wage reductions has been reached between the employers and the Religious Unions of the textile industry, of which 18,000

INSURANCE COMPANY.**CROWN LIFE OF TORONTO OPENS LOCAL BRANCH.**

The Crown Life Insurance Company of Toronto, Canada, which has now commenced operations in this Colony, was incorporated by act of Canadian Parliament in 1900. The Company's President is the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert L. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., D.C.L., LL.D., who was Canada's war-time Premier. Sir Robert is also Chairman of Barclay's Bank (Canada), one of the world's greatest banking institutions.

H. R. Stephenson, F.A.S., A.I.A., a past-president of the Life Officers Association of Canada, is the Company's General Manager, and M. M. Axelrod, of perhaps more extensive world wide experience than any other life officer, is General Agency Manager. Among the Directors of the Company are C. W. Somers, President of the Canada Grain Co., Erickson, Brown, K.C., H. S. Burns, Assistant General Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and Grant Hall, Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. F. J. Courtney, Manager of the Crown China, Company, Inc., of Shanghai General Agents of the Crown Life, who is at present in the Colony, says: "The story of the progress of the Crown Life is something of a romance; after its first 10 years of operations it had \$58,000,000.00 of insurance in force, after 10 years more in 1920, it had \$526,000,000.00 in force. In 1925 it had \$560,000,000.00 and to-day it has approximately \$1,400,000,000.00."

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Mr. Courtney announces that the new offices for the Company will be located on the second floor of Gloucester Building and shall be ready for occupation about April 5. Meanwhile the Company has occupied Suite 417 Gloucester Building, telephone 28426.

FANLING GOLF.**STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.**

New Course.
9.21 Mrs. Sherry, J. S. Dykes.
9.32 Mrs. E. P. Fletcher, J. C. Dunbar.

Old Course.
9.45-9.50 a.m. not to be booked by travellers on 8.28 train.

9.21 Felix Ellis, C. F. Hyde.
9.28 G. A. Leiper, D. J. Nuckle.
9.32 G. C. Warrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.36 C. B. Brown, R. W. Taplin.
9.40 C. W. Jeffries, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

9.44 W. R. Vallance, A. O. Brawn.
9.48 W. C. Shields, Capt. J. H. Anderson.

9.52 Cdr. T. E. Doskey, W. D. Denham.
9.56 P. S. Grant, P. R. S. Walsham.
10.00 Lt. Cdr. R. H. McBean, C. W. F. Booker.

10.04 J. Mandracchia, A. Dinisale.
10.08 A. C. Braine-Hurtell, E. T. E. Nash.

10.12 E. P. Fletcher, W. D. Harris.
10.16 G. R. Horridge, G. E. R. Divett.
10.20 A. O. Halsey, K. K. Rounds.
10.24 A. D. Humphreys, A. Somerville.

10.28 G. H. Bond, E. Kern.
10.32 K. W. Jones, G. W. Tolmie.
10.36 A. C. I. Bowker, Hon. Cdr. G. P. Hole.

10.40 R. Young, A. Leach.
10.44 H. H. Pethick, J. W. Mayhew.
10.48 L. R. Anderson, J. B. Langton.
10.52 A. Kidd, B. MacDonald.

10.56 A. E. Lissaman, J. G. Campbell.
11.00 A. Webster, G. Dalgarno.
11.04 D. M. Richards, S. S. Perry.
11.08 R. C. Webb, H. P. Bailey.
11.12 W. A. Stewart, J. P. Sherry.

NEW ATLANTIC FARES.**20 PER CENT. CUT APPROVED.**

London, Mar. 31. Brussels reports state that all the companies represented at the North Atlantic Shipping Conference, which continued its sessions there to-day, are now agreed on reduction of approximately twenty per cent. in fares. —British Wireless.

men have been on strike since November last.

Although the factories are reopening on Monday, other Unions are agitating for a continuance of the strike and it is feared that the situation may give rise to serious disturbances. —Reuter.

"HOMO" REPLIES TO CRITIC.**TWO LADIES ENTER THE LISTS.****MEN PILLORED.**

Sir.—Mr. Hamstrung asks "Why should not men place women on a pedestal? Are they not the centre of his existence?"

In my opinion most of the world's troubles to-day—our murders, suicides, industrial depressions, and international wars—can be attributed to the incomprehensible transgression of man having actually accepted woman as the centre of his existence. The prehistoric struggle for the wherewithal to live has evolved into a conflict for the means of acquiring modern luxuries. International warfare is the direct result of a struggle for raw material reserves and foreign markets; the present industrial depression has its origin in the short-sighted acquisitiveness of a financial oligarchy and it can all be ascribed to the luxury-loving, power-grabbing propensities of our women-folk.

The average man's objective to-day is to make as much money as possible, in the shortest possible time,—legitimately if possible, and anyhow, if legally impossible—and why? Because he needs money for the retention of the centre of his existence—woman. If married, he realises that the preservation of the marital relationship entails acute competition with the affluent insanity of his single confrere, and if unfettered by marriage vows, he has seen enough of modern life to know the monetary cost of success where gold-diggers are concerned.

The world, to-day, is fighting individually and nationally for comfort and luxury, and woman is the motive force behind it all. Mr. Hamstrung adds, "Life would be intolerable without them. Without illusions we would all commit suicide." It would be interesting to learn if he has ever tried living without them. I can assure you, Mr. Editor, the happiest days of my life—and "I've taken my fun where I found it"—were spent alone with men where "yonder the wide horizon lies," where "you can lay the blame on the sun and the stars," where the thrill of honest achievement, clean sport, elevating controversy and a contented mind pushed women right out of the picture. The men that go down to the sea in ships learn to live, and live happily, with their own sex. It is when port is reached, with woman's demoralizing influence around them, that the rot sets in.

"There can be no over-valuation of anything if the demand exists." Mr. Hamstrung apparently overlooks the possibility of coloured water being sold as hair-restorer for a dollar a bottle at the conclusion of a well-organised publicity campaign. Women's value to-day is fictitiously enhanced, and it is up to man to show them till they make up their minds to renounce sex-aggrandisement and get back to service in the common weal.—Yours, etc. HOMO.

Men, Wonderful Men.

Sir.—In response to the criticism of the fair sex, may we have a word—not necessarily in self-defence, as we shall never get our "rights." I know we are accused of talking too much, but no-one is perfect, thank goodness. If men are so superior, why is it they so easily succumb to the wiles of these obviously designing creatures? True, there are women and girls who live for clothes and men alone, hence the excessive use of make-up, but it takes all kinds to make up a world; also there is quite a large proportion left who have many story book virtues, including unselfishness and ability to organise an efficient household, or efficiency in the office as the case may be.

How many unhappy marriages there are out East! Is it entirely the fault of the woman? How many women have had their ideals shattered a thousand times—do they expect too much of their men folk? Take the case of a girl out from Home. She leaves all her friends behind and starts a new life. The husband, in most cases, has spent several years out East and has become accustomed to being waited on, hand and foot, and has, through carelessness, forgotten the little courtesies that mean so much to a "feminine" girl. (I use this term as these remarks do not apply to some of the up-to-date "boyish" girls). The men have so much club life out East and want so little home life and they consider the girl is not "sporty" if she dalkies sitting around while the men have "just one more"—which brings to my mind that unforgivable offence (to the male mind) of accusing a man of being weak-willed because he must have ten drinks.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.**OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.**

The market opened quietly steady with a firmish undertone. Sterling stocks are now again to the fore owing to lower exchange.

Sales.
Hongkong Bank, \$1475.
Union Insurance, \$470.
Douglases, \$27.
Two Cottons, Tls. 14.80.
China Lights (New), \$20.14.
Hongkong Electric, \$78.
Cements (Comb.), \$18 1/2 x Div.
Dairy Farms, \$28 3/4.
Lane, Crawford (Old), \$5 1/2.
Watsons (Rta.), \$3 1/2.
Constructions (New), \$1.95.
H. K. Govt. Loans, 3 1/2% Prem.

Buyers.
Hongkong Bank, \$1475.
Douglases, \$27.
Benquists, \$12 1/2.
Providents (Old), \$4 1/2.
Providents (New), \$2.10.
Hotels (Rta.), \$2.00.
H. K. Lands, \$70 1/2.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14 1/2.
H. K. Trans, \$21.10.
H. K. Electric, \$72 1/2.
Macao Electric, \$24 1/2.
Watsons (Rta.), \$3 1/2.
Amusements, \$20.80.
Constructions (New), \$1.85.
H. K. Govt. Loans, 3% Prem.

Sellers.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15.
H. K. Electric, \$73.
Telephones (P. P.), \$24.
Minibon Sugars, \$22.
H. K. Ropes, \$17 1/2 Cum. Div.
S. C. Enterprises, \$10.
Constructions (New), \$1.95.
H. K. Govt. Loans, 4% Prem.

"I don't think he is the criminal type, and I think a caution will meet the case," said Inspector Shannon in prosecuting a man named Chan Sing for embezzlement of \$135, at the Kowloon Magistrate's before Mr. Fraser, this morning. It appears that defendant was employed as a salesman in a shop dealing in electric fittings, and was in the habit of collecting money from customers. Accounts were rather loosely kept, and when the master checked them up, he found them to be \$135 short. Defendant promised to return the money, but failed to do so. Defendant was bound over in a sum of \$200 for 12 months.

In order that each member of the party may have his "shout!"

Consequently the neglected wife seeks out her lady friends and is immediately accused of scandal-mongering by the men who see a party of girls talking together but do not overhear the conversation. And this again brings me to a point where I would like to say that if gossip could be analysed I believe it would be found that just as much emanates from the males as the females, judging by the amount of information one can obtain from a husband, picked up at the club or the office.

In the case of single people brought up out here, the majority are spoilt from childhood. They are not trained to think for themselves, let alone "do" for themselves, so who can be blamed, but their parents? The children grow up to be swelled-headed and to consider that their main object in life is to have "a good time."

Many people out here have been known to remark that they would not care to take on the responsibility of bringing a male relative out here. Why? Because most of them sooner or later get into "bad company" and until they come to their senses, cause worry and distress to the relative or friend who was more or less responsible for their coming abroad. Should a mere woman discuss this subject and wonder why so many men cannot live healthily, strenuous outdoor lives (most of them work not more than eight hours a day) and think less of the satisfying of their animal instincts, this is considered an indecent topic. "A girl is immediately condemned if she leads anything but a "respectable" life, but with a man "it is different"—Yours, etc. A. N. AFTERTHOUGHT.

Another Retort.

Sir.—I feel it my duty not to allow visitors to Hongkong to go away with the idea that all women are as bad as "Homo" says. His accusations are so sweepingly general that the impression remains that every girl in Hongkong that he has met (and I wonder how many?) had to use a common expression "Done the Dirty on him."

Every word that "Homo" has written is probably true about a certain number of Hongkong girls—may I call them Females for the Space? But in addition to "Homo's" friends (now into friends) there are many girls in the Colony who are definitely not of his ilk.

It is unfortunate that I, being a mere woman, have not that flow of language possessed by "Homo" or otherwise I should be able to entertain your readers with the "Goin' on" of some of the men in Hongkong. But that, of course, is another story.—Yours, etc. JULIA.

RADIO BROADCAST**DR. SHIN'S LECTURE ON INFANT WELFARE.**

Radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 855 metres. (845 K.C.'s).
5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
6.00-6.30 p.m. The sixth of a series of lectures on "Infant Welfare" by Doctor K. S. Shin, M.B., B.Sc., "Treatment of Emergencies."
7.00-10.30 p.m. European programme.
7.00 p.m. Stock quotations; mail notice.
7.05-8.45 p.m. Programme of Victor records kindly supplied by Messrs. Tang Fook Piano Co.
7.05-7.20 p.m. A Selection of Fox Trots.
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She Didn't Say "Yes."
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Leo Reisman and His Orch. 22869.
7.20-7.50 p.m. A Concert.
Piano Solo-Cradle Song (Brahms).
Violin Solo-Alfred Cortot. 1271.
Song-Beau Soir (Bourget-Debussy).
Mary Garden (Soprano). 1439.
Violin Solo-Andantino (Lemare-Saenger).
Violin Solo-At Dawning (Cadman).
Piano Solo-Dance Ecotique (Horowitz-Demery).
Vladimir Horowitz. 1468.

Song-I Love to Hear You Singing (Glanville-Haydn Wood).
John McCormack (Tenor). 1425.
Violin Solo-Albumblatt, Marquise (Rachmaninoff-Kreisler).
Fritz Kreisler. 1170.
8.00 p.m. Local time; weather report.
7.50-8.25 p.m. Orchestral.
Capriccio Italian (Tschalkowsky).
Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. 6940-6950.
Daphnis et Chloe-Suite No. 2 (Maurice Ravel).
Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky. 7148-7144.

8.25-8.45 p.m. Operatic.
The Magic Flute-Overture (Mozart).
Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York under the direction of "Willem Mengelberg. 1469.
Die Fledermaus-The Bat-You and You (J. Strauss).
Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Frederick Stock. 1481.
Tristan and Isolde-Prelude (Wagner).
San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Alfred Hertz. 6585.

8.45-10.30 p.m.
"The Vagabond King"—These records are kindly loaned by the Paramount Films of China, Inc., and played on Western Electric Sound Equipment.
10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.
10.33 p.m. Close down.

USELESS LIVES.**SIR A. YARROW'S WILL COMMENTS.**

A rebuke for women who spend their lives in seeking amusement and a tribute to the industrious is contained in the will of Sir Alfred Yarrow, Bart., the famous ship-builder.

Probate has been granted at £241,387 gross and £201,474 net.

After a reference to "the useless lives led by many of the ladies of the present day," (he will states:

"On the other hand I greatly admire another group who do useful work, justifying their existence. Certainly, from observation, the latter group are happier. Of this latter group I would like to mention the following London Hospital nurses and I bequeath to each of them the sum of £50.
"Catherine Black, Miss Benson, Miss Neal, Miss Dalton, Miss Williams, Dorothy Hammett, Miss Martindale, Miss Riley."

Sir Alfred died on January 24, aged 90. His first wife died in 1922, and in the same year he married Miss Eleanor Barnes, of Bishop's Stortford, previously his private secretary.

Tribute to Wife.

He directed that a sum, not exceeding £200, be paid for a miniature of his portrait by Hugh Riviere, bearing the inscription upon it:

"To one who during my latter years turned my house into a home whose dignity and delicacy of feeling combined with exceptional intellectual gifts charmed me, whose counsel and advice were beyond all praise—whose love and devotion made life a constant delight, and who ultimately became the dearest of wives."

He left £40,000 to his wife besides making other provision for her.

Other bequests included: The house "Lacorne," at Golders Green, £10,000 and £5,000 shares in the Companies, A. & A. Hotel Co. to his secretary, Frank Stratton; £500 to Fanny Madeline Chambers, secretary to Yarrow Hospital at Broadstairs; and £300 to his chauffeur, William Pharo, and, if still in his service, one year's wages.

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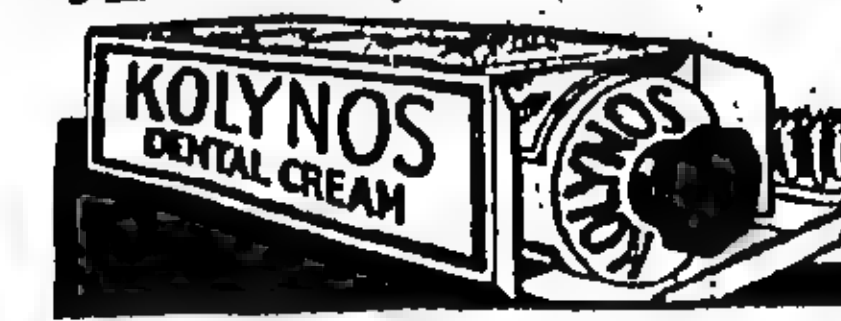
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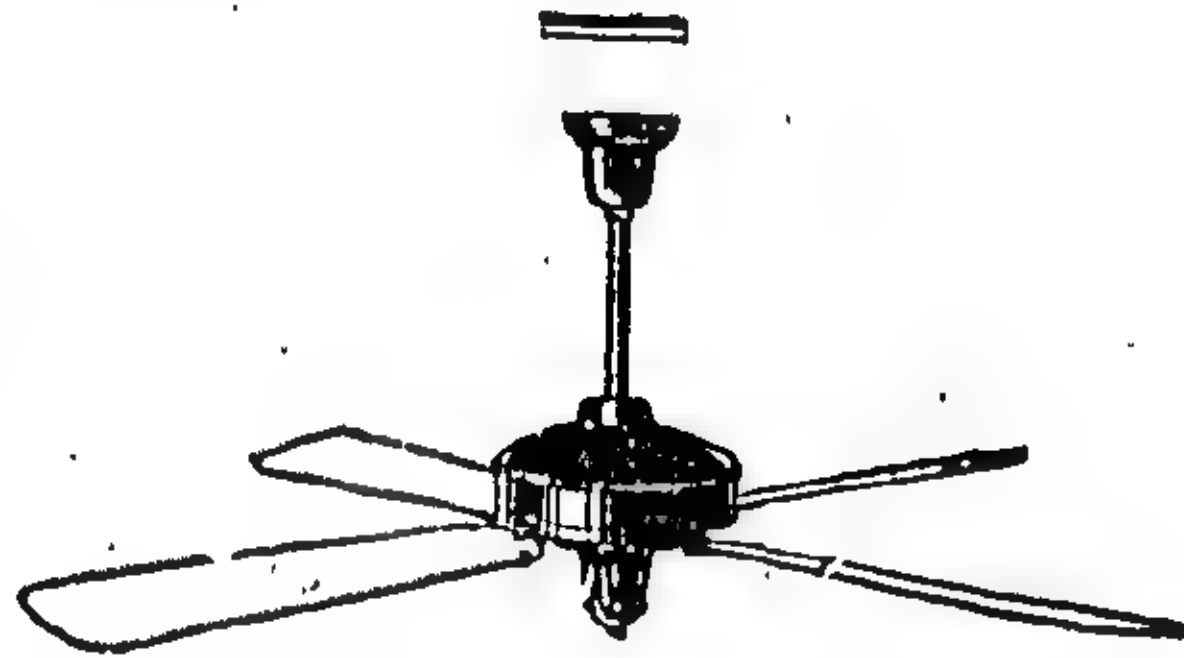
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RUMJAHN WINS FROM NET.

VOLLEYING BEATS CASSUMBHOY.

Fast rallies maintained interest in the match between S.A. Rumjahn and J.A.E. Cassumbhoi in the open singles tennis championship yesterday, although at times the play fell to a mediocre standard. Rumjahn initiated and stuck grimly to a volleying campaign, which Cassumbhoi, with a little more intelligent application of the principles of court-craft, might easily have destroyed or rendered impotent. Rumjahn was not very definite in his play, but could have been worried into many blunders if he had sufficiently. Cassumbhoi's attempts to pass him with drives were quite fruitless and afforded "Sirdar" the chances he desired to put the ball away with neat angle volleys.

None the less, Cassumbhoi scored points with some magnificent shots, particularly noticeable being a deceptive half-court drive made from acute angles. He obviously did not trust himself overhead and allowed many simple "kills" to go by.

He should have won the second set, taking a 4-1 lead, but Rumjahn, playing the best tennis of the match, staged a typical recovery, and won in straight sets at 6-4, 6-4.

Disjointed team work cost Lee Wai-long and Luk Ding-cheong their match against Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit.

The Interport couple were superior only in this department, but it was sufficient to earn them success. There were many brilliant individual phases in the game, providing sustained interest for the onlookers. The smooth work of Ho and Yew will offer strenuous opposition to Fletcher and Goldman in the semi-final next week.

The complete results were:

Open Singles.
S. A. Rumjahn beat J. A. E. Cassumbhoi 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles.
Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit beat Lee Wai-long and Luk Ding-cheong, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A."
Col. J. G. Lecky beat R. K. Valentine 6-2, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B."
J. Wilson beat J. Ferguson 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Jensen beat Williams 6-3, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles.
Henderson and Monaghan beat Tufton and MacDougall 6-4, 6-3.

T. J. and E. R. Price beat Stock and Worrell 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.
Grimble and Miss Hancock beat Ralston and Mrs. Stafford Smith, 6-1, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.
Open Singles.
E. C. Fincher v. Ho Ka-lau.

Open Doubles.
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. Chiu and Hung.

Club Championship.
Tufton v. Sullivan, Valentine v. Harkins.

Handicap Singles "A."
Waite v. Bowker.

Handicap Doubles.
Mackie and Mayhew v. Humphries and Blaker.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.
Barton and Miss Hallifax v. R. Hancock and Miss Hancock.

Col. and Mrs. Lecky or Palmer and Miss Stevenson v. Segalen and Mrs. Brown.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

SERVICE TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The teams to represent the Services in the charity football matches on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday have been selected, and will be composed of the following players: Senior team—Pte. Johnson (Borderers); Pte. Smith (R.A.O.C.); Lieut. Dixon (H.M.S. Medway); Capt. Pte. Channing (Borderers); Stoker Sherries (H.M.S. Hermes); Cpl. Underwood (Borderers); Pte. Harris (Borderers); Pte. Davis (Borderers); A. B. Blund (H.M.S. Devonshire); S. B. A. Rawson (Royal Naval Hospital); L/S Skinner (H.M.S. Medway). Reserves: E. A. Stephens (H.M.S. Devonshire); A. B. Robertson (H.M.S. Odin); L/C Mullane (Borderers); Pte. Christie and L/C Campbell (Argylls).

Junior team—Marino Wilson (H.M.S. Tamar); L/B Freerion (Twelfth Heavy Battery); Gr. Taylor (Twelfth Heavy Battery); Lieut. Seaman Turner (H.M.S. Cumberland); Gr. Pardee (Twelfth Heavy Battery); Pte. Yeoman (Argylls) Capt. L/C Rawson (R.A.O.C.); Bdr. Bryant (H.M.S. Heavy Battery); A. B. Nash (H.M.S. Medway); Pte. Lazenby (R.A.S.C.) and A. B. Goro (H.M.S. Cumberland). Reserves: E. R. A. Cox (H.M.S. Cumberland); A. B. Ashman (H.M.S. Cumberland); Pte. McKenna (Argylls); Pte. Sharrer (Argylls) and Pte. Analle (R.A.O.C.).

FRIENDLY HOCKEY.

TEAM TO REPRESENT CLUB AGAINST MEDWAY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against a team from H.M.S. Medway on Monday afternoon on the Club Ground at 5.15 o'clock—R. W. Sapie, L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson, J. E. Potter, E. G. S. Dale, H. J. D. Lowe, G. F. Hawk, S. Hill, W. A. Nowers, S. J. H. Fox and L. D. Kilbee.

L. T. A. GROUND QUESTION.

DOUBTS EXPRESSED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Despite the unanimous expressions of opinion given at previous meetings, there still remains a grave element of doubt as to whether the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association will acquire its own ground this year.

At the annual meeting of the Association yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindell, the President, who was in the chair, reminded the representatives present of the unanimous decision made on this subject, but said that he had since heard many doubts expressed as to the advisability of the Association acquiring a ground on the site selected in Kowloon.

Mr. M. K. Lo appealed for expressions of opinion on the matter from the representatives, stating that unless they had whole-hearted support of its members, the Association could not go forward with the scheme. It was then in favour of the project the Association would carry on, but if not, then he hoped they would let the meeting know.

Mr. Lindell said the Association had, since the last extraordinary general meeting, secured the ground selected in Chatham Road, for one year at a rental of \$5. The Executive Committee decided not to implicate the Association further than that until they had heard further expressions of opinions from members. The Secretary had sent out a circular letter inviting clubs to intimate whether they would be willing to take out debentures if the scheme was adopted, and the Association incorporated, and so far he had received no replies, which seemed to indicate that the clubs were not keen on the scheme.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Dencon, and seconded by Mr. S. A. Gray, that the Association Secretary be instructed to write to league club representatives asking them to bring the scheme to the notice of their committees, and for them to inform the Association whether or not they were in favour of the scheme.

Tribute to Helen Wills.

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said he would like to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen Wills who gave exhibitions while in Hongkong last year. They had been given to understand that it was not possible for Mrs. Helen Wills to make the trip to Hongkong. Acting on that news, the Hongkong C. C. who had kindly kept the stand up in readiness for her, for some considerable time after the cricket Interport, then pulled it down, and within a week received the wireless telegram that she would be arriving in Hongkong on the following Monday. The result was they were unable to stage the exhibition in Hongkong, and it was only through the kindly grace of the Kowloon

CONSUL SHOT DEAD.

DEMENTED CLERK'S CRIME AT MARSEILLES.

Paris, March 4.—The Turkish Consul at Marseilles was murdered in his office this morning by a young clerk who afterwards committed suicide. The Consul was sitting at his desk when the clerk entered, and began to complain of not being treated with proper consideration. He then drew two revolvers from his pocket and fired twice, wounding the Consul in the arm. The latter ran out of the room, but the murderer caught him up on the landing, and fired four more shots, wounding his victim in the nose, wrist, heart, and ribs, the bullet in the heart being fatal.

The clerk then went back to the Consul's office and fired two shots in his chest. He was suffering from incurable tuberculosis, and is thought to have been out of his mind.

Cricket Club, where they were able quickly to erect a stand, that the exhibition took place. He thought it only right to make this explanation as many people were disappointed that the game was not staged on Hongkong side.

As regards the accounts, the receipts from the Helen Wills' exhibition amounted to \$2,347.32 and the expenditure about \$1,200, leaving a profit of about \$1,100. The balance of the profits came from the Andrews exhibition.

In conclusion he expressed thanks to Mr. J. B. MacDonald for auditing the accounts free of charge.

Mr. Dencon seconded the report, which was unanimously adopted.

The following officers were then elected: President, Mr. R. E. Lindell; Vice-President, Mr. M. K. Lo; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. P. F. James; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. S. Green; Hon. League Secretary, Mr. S. A. Gray.

Executive Committee, Messrs. E. C. Fincher, E. J. R. Mitchell, S. A. Rumjahn and E. de Souza.

Mr. Dencon (Civil Service C. C.) raised the question of the heavy expenses of balls during the league seasons, and suggested that where clubs entered teams in B and C Divisions, the C Division team should be able to use the balls which had been used once by the B Division team.

Mr. S. A. Gray suggested that the L.T.A. should invite estimates from the local agents of the recognised tennis ball makers for the supply of tennis balls in bulk for the whole season, and the clubs should purchase them from the Association for a flat price. In this way considerable saving to the clubs should result.

Both suggestions were placed before the Executive Committee.

FANLING GOLF.

RESULTS IN THE RECENT COMPETITIONS.

The results of recent competitions arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club were announced yesterday. W. J. Buller won the Junior Section Championship, 12 and 11, with W. H. Edmonds. There were 18 entries.

Miss K. P. Curtin and D. S. Edward with a score of 80-18=72 secured the mixed medal foursome prize. Other scores were Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dodd, well, 99 (12) 78; Mr. and Mrs. E. Grimble, 98 (21) 77; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, 87 (9) 78.

W. Patterson, two up, won the Bogey Pool, played on the new course.

Three players tied for the medal round on the old course. They were J. S. MacLaren, 98 (8) 75; Hon. Cdr. G. F. Hole, 92 (18) 74; E. J. K. Leach, 88 (12) 74. Other scores were J. B. Mackie, 85 (10) 75; F. J. de Rome, 81 (5) 76; E. Grimble, 90 (18) 77.

Hon. Cdr. Hole, with a score of 88 and 98=186=160, won the 18 Shanghai visitor's Cup. The best 18 holes of the morning were done by S. J. H. Fox, 38 (9) 74, and in the afternoon by Dr. C. H. Burton, 89 (15) 74. Other scores were:

R. A. Campbell	82	83	165	14	151
S. J. H. Fox	83	87	170	18	162
A. Leach	87	88	175	20	163
Dr. C. H. Burton	84	89	183	30	163
H. Hampton	86	89	176	22	163
J. G. Hyde	88	95	183	20	167
G. C. Worrall	88	90	178	20	168
Lt. W. D. Hughes	87	92	179	20	169
A. D. Humphreys	87	87	175	16	169
A. C. L. Bowker	88	88	174	14	160
G. R. Horridge	88	88	174	14	160
R. S. W. Patterson	102	94	196	38	160

The Bogey Pool (old course) was won by L. R. Andrews (4) 8 up.

The second prize went to J. H. Anderson (4) 1 up; R. A. Campbell (7) 1 up; W. Mulcahy (8) 1 up; S. J. H. Fox (9) 1 up; E. O. Friesell (11) 1 up; C. F. Hyde (13) 1 up; J. S. Dykes (16) 1 up; Hon. Cdr. G. F. Hole (18) 1 up. Other scores were C. W. F. Booker (4) all square; J. S. MacLaren (9) all square; Dr. C. H. Burton (15) all square; T. R. Rowle (18) all square.

ARMY RECRUITING.

WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES RE-OPENING.

London, Mar. 31.—The restrictions imposed on army recruiting last August will be removed on April 1. It was announced by the War Office to-day. Recruiting will be opened for all branches of the army.

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MODERN EDUCATION.

We are living in times when increasing attention is being paid to the technique of education. Many reforms have been instituted during the past two or three decades, but there is still a widespread feeling that much more needs to be accomplished. Except in limited circles, not a great deal has been heard of what is known as the Dalton Plan, but that it is achieving successes in various parts of the world seems indisputable. It has been tried in England, India, China, Poland and also in America, where it was evolved by a young practical teacher, Helen Parkhurst. What the results have been is disclosed in a book, "The Triumph of the Dalton Plan," recently published in London, in which evidence is brought to show that the Plan has won golden opinions wherever put into force and has brought new life to teachers and pupils alike.

The Dalton Plan is a technique in education which makes it possible for every child to discover for himself the delights of genuine intellectual effort and the sense of intellectual growth and mastery—and at the same time to enjoy the pleasures of intellectual comradeship with his teachers. He becomes responsible for his own progress in each part of his work, and neither his teachers nor his fellows stand any longer between him and his natural interests in the world and its history. Each child is in direct contact with this subject of study. He works independently in a room devoted to the literature and the tools of a particular subject. He has his own assignment, of ground to be covered, and he moves forward at the pace which his native gifts and his personal experience make possible for him. He apportions time between his various subjects according to his own judgment. He learns how to learn, how to use text-books and authorities, how to gather his facts into generation, how to quarter the ground of a specific problem. And he is enabled to measure and understand his own progress in understanding by the use of charts and graphs. The skill and intelli-

gence of the subject teacher are bent to the aim of stimulating the interest of each child, and meeting his needs, at each step of his work, in personal tutoring and group discussions, and in the preparation of the "assignments" themselves. These assignments are more than mere outlines of the work to be covered; they are planned and phrased so as to provoke inquiry and to point to problems which it is within the grasp of the child to solve in the subject library. They are the vital instrument of the Dalton Plan. The teacher thus becomes a personal guide and helper to each of the children who work in his special field, and a sharer of their researches and discoveries. And the competitive spirit is no longer invoked to adulterate the aims and achievements of the child.

The question of learning or not learning is, in the old system of mass teaching, largely a personal contest between the will of the teacher and his pupils. The skill of the class teacher all too often lies in devising ways by which a large number of children of widely different abilities can be forced to attend all together to the same discourse, or perform the same task. Neither the task nor the discourse can, under such conditions, meet the real needs of more than a minority of the children at once. The rest, run to seed, morally and intellectually, it is claimed for the Dalton Plan that it holds the promise of an educated democracy, for it gives its children more than an understanding of the art of thought, more than skill with the tools of discovery. It affords them an ample social education too. It brings the experience of co-operative effort in the pursuit of knowledge, and the emotional satisfactions of social intercourse directed to the life of the mind. One of its most striking results everywhere has been that the old bugbear question of "discipline" has dissolved away and ceased to trouble either teacher or child.

Is Democracy Safe?

"The March or Halts of Democracy Since the War" was the subject recently of a stimulating address by Mr. G. P. Gooch, an eminent British authority both on the history of Europe and its present Constitution. Observing the ups and downs of democracy across the Continent, he commented more severely on the dictatorship of Mussolini than on that of Stalin; for Russia had never possessed liberty, whereas Fascist rule, in his opinion, had "stunted and dwarfed Italians," though it "had made Italy greater in the material sense." He glanced uneasily at the despotism of Marshal Pilsudski in Poland, and at the political machines which thwarted self-government in Hungary and Rumania. He recognised the double danger from the Right and the Left in Germany, and urged that help be given to the moderate Government. He concluded that in spite of "the setbacks due to poverty, fear of war, political corruption and coalitions, the tide still is running in the direction of democratic government. Mr. Gooch was both judicious and pointed in putting his finger on the conditions which have militated against the forms of democracy. But did he sufficiently examine those elements which threaten democracy from within? Did he not too readily assume that the ideal of democracy is fulfilled wherever representative government is established and the representatives are elected by a free and secret ballot? The importance of these devices few liberal-minded persons will deny. But they are not in themselves sufficient to save a country from perversions of democracy which have threatened from time to time to bring democracy itself into contempt. It would be folly to deny that a democratic form of government may produce weaknesses such as those which led to the recent dictatorship in Spain, or made many Italians welcome Mussolini as the saviour of his country. Democracy still has elements within itself which are its own greatest danger, and the most urgent political need of the moment is that its champions should recognise and face them and rescue it from the disruptive tendencies which have again and again, from the time of the ancient Greeks down to our own day, brought about its downfall. Mr. Gooch said that he had no fear that Englishmen would

DAY BY DAY

THE MOST CONFIDENT CRITICS ARE THOSE WHO KNOW LEAST ABOUT THE MATTER CRITICISED.—General Grant.

"A Village Concert" to be given by the Red Triangle Concert Party on Tuesday, April 5, at 8 p.m., will be held at the Helena May Institute, Garden Road, and not at the Cathedral Hall as previously announced.

Whilst handling iron bars at the Kowloon Godowns last night, one of the workmen, Ng Fook-sing, of 7, Halphong Road, received an injury to his left leg. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

Wednesday's health report shows four cases of meningitis being reported to the Medical Officer of Health compared with one on Tuesday and three during the week-end. There was one case of small-pox, one of diphtheria and one of enteric fever on Wednesday.

Engaged in hoisting pieces of iron on board the naval tug Alliance yesterday, Li Kam-yau, aged 48, an older, received a wound to his leg and bruises to his back through an iron bar falling on him. He was not seriously hurt but was taken the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

Among those leaving by the transport Neuralla on Tuesday is Capt. C. A. de Linde, of Staff Headquarters, who has been in the Colony for three years, during which time he has been secretary to the Military Sports Board. Born in Tientsin, Capt. de Linde, then a child a few years old, was hidden by his amah until he was rescued by British sailors.

We can thoroughly recommend "Alibi," the British thriller now showing at the Queen's Theatre. Based on Agatha Christie's novel, "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd," it is a real mystery play, with the audience kept guessing to the end as to who the real murderer is. The acting is altogether natural and convincing, without a weak spot in the big cast. In particular, Austin Trevor as Poirot, the French detective, is really responsible for some fine work, backed up by Frank Dyrill, J. H. Roberts and John Deverall. Besides the main story, there is an interesting Cine Magazine and a funny comic, these rounding off a really attractive all-British programme.

part with democratic self-government. But when he used those confident words he appeared to overlook the fact that some of the soundest democrats in his own country are profoundly uneasy about many democratic practices which threaten to turn the rule of the ballot box into mob-ocracy. A weighty official report has commented on the danger arising from the fact that every political party is tempted to put its promises too high in bidding for the support of groups of voters. This kind of mass bribery seems so peculiarly the weakness of "democratic" countries like Britain or the United States or France that a true democrat can hardly dare to sing the praises of democracy unless he is at the same time prepared to declare open war on those enemies within which tend to corrupt and destroy it.

THORNY PATHS OF PEACE
IN CHINA.

By O. M. GREEN.

THAT Japan would be ready to discuss peace, once she had gained a victory and restored her military prestige at Shanghai, was obvious to all who knew what conditions are in China.

Japan has nothing to gain by war, nor does it appear likely to bring any finality. There are other armies about China; the formidable Christian troops of the Christian General Feng Fu-hsiang; Chang Fa-kuei's hard-bitten "Iron-sides," the Shansi army of active mountaineers; the Manchurian army of "the Young Marshal," Chang Hsueh-liang, which was withdrawn inside the Great Wall early in January.

There are literally millions of other troops which could probably be gunged up to make a nuisance of themselves. And, of course, the first successes of the Chinese at Shanghai have fired the whole nation. Hundreds of thousands of students are strung up to the highest pitch of war fever—and there remains that terrible weapon, the boycott.

Civil War and Faction:

But with whom will Japan make peace, and how? The very conditions which make peace desirable make it difficult to attain. China proper is twenty-five times as big as England and Wales, and it is only a slight exaggeration to say that there are twenty-five different Governments in it, the fruits of years of civil war and faction.

There are many leading Nationalists for whom one has high respect. The former Nanking Government, over which General Chiang Kai-shek presided for nearly three years (till his enemies dragged him down last December) contained the germs of the best Government China has seen for many years. But its power was limited, for all practical purposes, to three or four of the coast provinces, and from March, 1929, till October, 1930, it was engaged in ceaseless civil war.

A year ago—months before the Japanese conflict—Chiang and the other realists in Nanking tried to reform the Government on practical popular lines. They had all educated public opinion behind them. But Canton revolted and declared a separate Government. It is a striking example of the factiousness of Chinese politicians, and how the best men are thwarted by the mass of intrigues and self-seekers. All northern China is split up among numerous militarists, big and little, with their respective armies. Szechuan, the wealthy western province, as big as France, is the private preserve of six generals who divide it among themselves. Yunnan, in the southwest, is practically an independent state. And in central southern China the Communist organisation (aftermath of the years 1925-27, when Moscow dominated the Chinese Nationalist party) is really a terrible danger. It has flourished on civil war and last year's catastrophic floods on the Yangtze, and is insidiously extending its power through all China. All Nanking's utmost efforts have failed to crush the Communists, and the menace they involve in the present upheaval can hardly be too strongly stressed.

A Danger Foreseen.

Now relics of the old Nanking Government remain and events have tended to bring them to the front again. Chiang Kai-shek, who undoubtedly has the mind of a statesman, always realised the danger for China of resisting Japan, however much the latter might be hurt in the process. He and others who could be mentioned (but Chinese names are confusing) are realists with whom negotiation should be possible. But they help from outside. There must be active and statesmanlike mediation.

Japan alone cannot negotiate with China (the phrase is used for convenience). The Chinese successes at Shanghai during the past month would forbid them to surrender. Equally they forbid the Japanese to give in. It is a case of saving "face"—the most powerful motive with Orientals—on both sides.

Further than this, whoever accepts peace on the Chinese side, any peace that Japan, too, would accept, will have to face a storm of denunciation throughout China. The realists must have a backing from other Powers on which they may depend after they have made peace.

Without expressing any opinion as to the rights and wrongs of the fighting at Shanghai, the eternal background of the whole Sino-Japanese quarrel must be remembered. That is that China is broken and anarchical; all nations that deal with her have been suffering more or less from her condition for years past; and, in the opinion of her best friends, she must have help to put her house in order.

No attempt to mediate a peace between China and Japan can have any lasting success that does not recognise these facts frankly and seek to restore ordered government in China. Six months ago the League of Nations might have tried, but unhappily it must be said that the League has only irritated Japan and disappointed China.

Happily there exists an instrument, the Nine-Power Treaty, created at Washington in 1922, and surely designed to cope with such crises as that of to-day. The Nine Powers are Great Britain, France, Italy, America, Japan, China, Holland, Belgium, and Portugal. Their duty under the treaty is to consult together and take such steps as may be necessary where China's welfare is at stake.

The task to be undertaken in China is difficult, but it need not be costly or impossible. The Customs and salt gabelle, in which all essential work is done by foreigners as servants of China, with Chinese superintendents at the top, are examples of what might be done in other directions. Both these services are supremely efficient and involve no loss of "face" to China. A similar system might be tried in the army, which is really China's greatest problem, both for using it to suppress brigands and Communists and in gradually disbanding it.

Of course any attempt to restore effective government would have to be on a small scale at first. But if peace and order were secured only in the Lower Yangtze Valley, its prosperity would soon act as a magnet to draw in other regions.

Shanghai's Future.

The future status of Shanghai ought not to be excluded from the general adjustment. The idea of a neutral zone surrounding both the foreign and Chinese districts is in the air, and wherever it comes from, it ought not to be lightly rejected.

The argument is simple. Civil war lives on the money which militarists wring from merchants. Protect the latter, so that they may resist the former and civil war languishes. Again and again in the past twenty years Shanghai has been the prize for which factions fought. Its welfare is of far greater importance really to China than to foreigners, for it is the backbone and mainstay of her finances.

And again to consider China's "face," if Shanghai were neutralised, it would not be difficult to arrange for its joint administration by the local Chinese and foreign business men on the lines advocated by Mr. Justice Footman in the report on the future constitution of Shanghai, which he produced last year. The whole scheme might come up for reconsideration as and when China grew more peaceful.

In conclusion, there does not appear any Government with which Japan could treat successfully at present. But with wise statesmanship there might be.

Suffering from the effects of food poisoning, Li Lam, a married woman, of 4, Tuen Shing Street, West Point, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital by her husband yesterday. Her condition is not considered to be serious.



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REVIEW OF DECISION WANTED.

SEQUEL TO CONSTABLE'S CONVICTION.

Following Mr. Fraser's conviction on Wednesday, of a Shantung constable, Miao Fung-hau, for misconduct, and the imposition of a fine of \$100 or two months' hard labour, Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to apply for a review of the decision.

In making his application, Mr. Silva said that in discharging defendant for larceny, and convicting him for misconduct the Magistrate had stated that the evidence given by the prosecution was too contradictory to support the former charge. The prosecution had not satisfied Mr. Fraser what motive prompted defendant to get off a bus while on his way for duty, but the defence had attempted to supply a motive. Mr. Silva admitted that the motive of the defence might be rather thin, but in the absence of any motive given by the prosecution, he submitted the Magistrate was bound to give the defendant the benefit of the doubt.

Mr. Silva said the Magistrate had used the word "deceit" in referring to the manner in which defendant got off the bus at Argyle Street. Defendant, he argued, had been called upon as a policeman by a man who was apparently and claimed to be a detective. His assistance was asked for by a colleague, and he had about 10 minutes to spare, and Mr. Silva submitted that there was sufficient reason for defendant to leave to help a fellow-officer. He might have been wrong in doing so, Mr. Silva would not say that defendant was perfectly right, but if he were wrong, he submitted, it was only an error of judgment and did not amount to misconduct.

Mr. Fraser said he would consider the application, which was adjourned to Tuesday.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

ARRIVAL DELAYED UNTIL APRIL 21.

Advice has been received that Charlie Chaplin, famous film star, and his equally famous brother Syd, will not arrive in Hongkong by the Suwa Maru to-morrow, as expected. They disembarked at Singapore, and are making a tour of Java and the Dutch Indies.

They will return to Singapore in time to connect with the P. and O. liner Chitral, which leaves there on April 16, arriving at Hongkong on April 21. They will disembark at Hongkong under the altered itinerary, staying here for eight days.

From Hongkong, Charlie Chaplin will leave for Japan by the N.Y.K. liner Hakuzaki Maru, and after touring the country, Syd Chaplin will return to Europe, while Charlie will go across the Pacific back to Hollywood, where he proposes to begin making another film.

In a recent message to movie fans in the East, Charlie said: "My long-cherished plan for visiting the Orient is about to be realised, and I am eagerly looking forward to the day when I shall be there. I am particularly interested in your native theatres and drama, and wish to study them on the spot."

"I also want to see the people in the country. All the large cities are much alike, and when I arrive I prefer seeing the back streets."

THE AMBULANCE.

FLAG DAY ARRANGED FOR SATURDAY.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade has arranged a Flag Day for Saturday, (to-morrow) between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, the proceeds being in aid of the Brigade's activities in the New Territories, where there are maintained already two dressing stations, two nurses and one dresser, working

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME TO COST \$600,000.

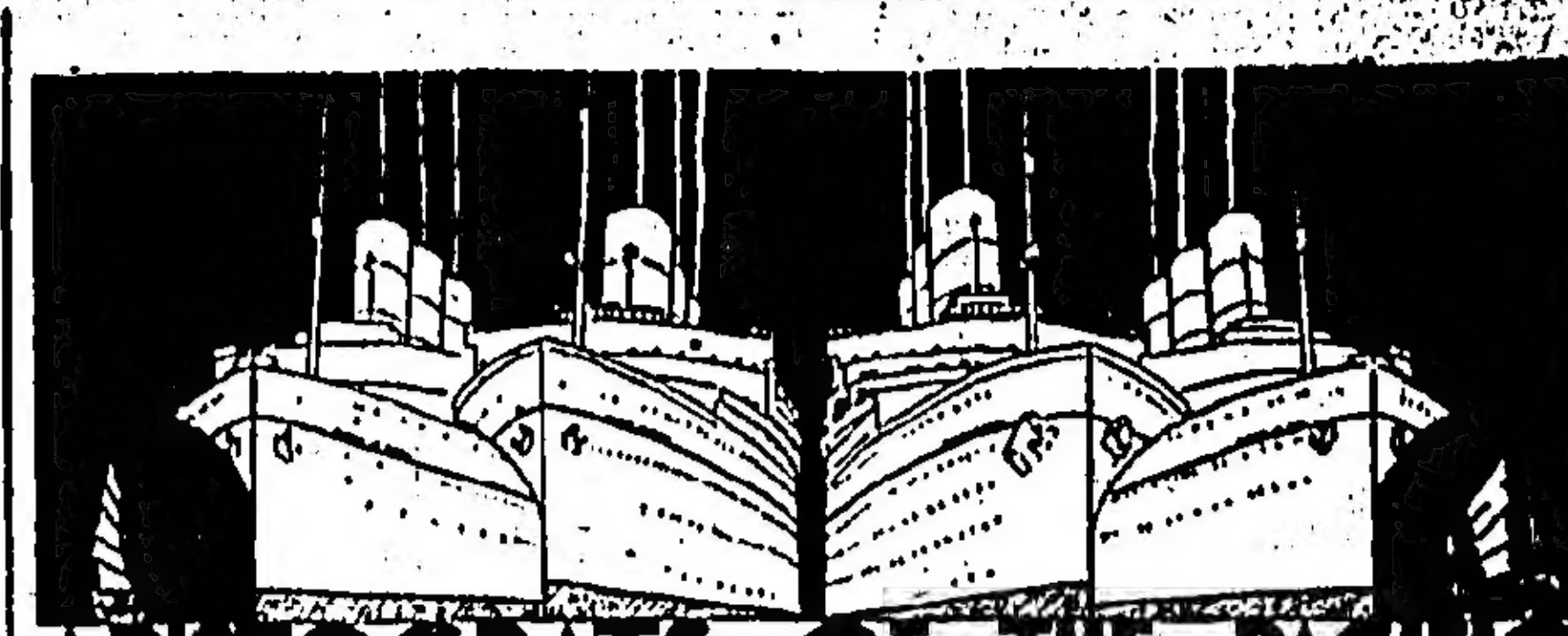
The Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, which was built in 1870, have decided, owing to the increasing demand for more accommodation by the Chinese patients, to pull down part of the existing buildings which will be replaced with new concrete buildings. The Directors estimate that this reconstruction scheme will require about \$600,000 and favour a gradual reconstruction scheme. The work may take some years to accomplish.

The Hospital authorities expect to begin the work some time this year. The big building which used to house the Po Leung Kuk next to the Tung Wah Hospital was evacuated by the removal of the Po Leung Kuk to Causeway Bay and is the Directors' intention to make use of the old Po Leung Kuk building by including it in the reconstruction plan. It is further pointed out that with the proposed removal of the Government Civil Hospital to a new site there may be an increase in the demand for accommodation in the Tung Wah Hospital on account of its nearness to the Chinese residential districts.

The Directors and permanent advisors of the Tung Wah Hospital have appointed the following sub-committee to supervise the reconstruction work: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, M. K. Lo, Fu Yuk-pang, Wong Kwong-tin, Lo Cheung-shu, Ho Kom-tong, Ho Kwong, Li Hoi-tung, Tang Chi-ngong, Tong Yat-chuen, Li Yick-mui, Lo Chung-kui, Wong Ping-shuen, Ma Chi-lung, Ma Tui-chiu, Lam Woon-tung, Tang Shu-chun, Leung Pui-yue, Ng Wah, Lui Yam-shuen, Ngan Shing-kwan and Lu Tak-chung.

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Empr. of Canada	June 3	June 6	June 8	June 10	June 12	June 16	June 21
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Aurora (Illinois), Feb. 20.
This is the first city in the world to be ruled entirely by women.
In honour of Leap Year Day the City Fathers to-day gallantly abdicated in favour of 16 bachelor girls, while 100 men in executive positions as bank presidents, shop managers, hotel chiefs and newspaper editors also gave up their chairs to women.

For 24 hours every major activity in the city of 60,000 was directed by women, most of them young.

Homes were deserted for offices, typists took over the roll-top desks, demure maidens wrinkled their brows over efficiency charts and pressed buzzers.

Male leaders of the community who planned this change said they meant it as a recognition of the privileges of the other sex.

It was suggested, however, that this was an artful device to keep bachelor girls' minds off proposals. By drafting them into responsible jobs on Leap Year Day they kept them too busy to track down victims!

Twenty girls assumed duties as traffic policemen, and berated errant motorists.

The police chief retired in favour of Dorothy Ward and the police magistrate gave his robes to Florence Atkins. Ruth Cole, a dazzling blonde of 23, a former beauty prize-winner, powdered her nose and took over the first brigade, a dozen fire girls coming on duty at breakfast time.

Aurora's prison warden followed the Mayor and Councilmen in handing over their jobs to women.

Another Illinois city, Joliet, also gave all its chief posts to women without any loss of efficiency.

MURDER CHARGE BUT NO BODY FOUND.

'CONFESSION' NOT ENOUGH.

On the direction of Mr. Justice Wright the jury at Birmingham Assizes returned a verdict of not guilty in the case in which Olive Ann Matthews, aged 25, a single woman, of Barley Corn-square, Clonderford, was charged with murdering her infant child.

Mr. Langley (prosecuting) said that the charge depended entirely on Matthew's statement that she put the baby in the Severn at Gloucester. The body had not been found.

Mr. Fennimore (defending) submitted that there could not be a conviction unless there was clear proof of killing or discovery of the body.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

200 FAMOUS MEN REPLY.

A remarkable revelation of the religious beliefs of many eminent scientists has been obtained by the Christian Evidence Society. This has been done by sending a questionnaire to all the Fellows of the Royal Society, and the results obtained from 200 definite replies are summarised in the following table:

	Yes	Doubt- No ful.
Do you credit the existence of a Spiritual domain?	121	13 66
Do you consider that man is in some measure responsible for his acts of choice?	173	7 20
Is it your opinion that belief in evolution is compatible with belief in a Creator?	142	6 52
Do you think that science negates the idea of a personal God as taught by Jesus Christ?	26	103 71
Do you believe that the personalities of men and women exist after the death of their bodies?	47	41 112
Do you think the recent remarkable developments of scientific thought are favourable to religious belief?	74	27 99

In the book which he has compiled as a result of the replies, "The Religion of Scientists" (Ernest Benn, Ltd., 2s. 6d. net), the Rev. C. L. Draybridge, secretary of the Christian Evidence Society, claims that the replies are given quite irrespective of whether they are favourable or unfavourable to the Christian view of life.

Many think recent scientific developments favourable to religious belief.

Sir Alfred Ewing (Vice-President of the Royal Society) says: "Yes, very favourable. They have convinced the intelligent public of the utility of old-fashioned 'materialism.' The cocksureness which found expression in that is dead."

Professor B. D. Steele (Professor of Chemistry, University of Queensland): "I think that recent developments in physical science are not only favourable but render such belief not only possible but inevitable."

Mr. Justice Wright said that it could not be the law that it was not murder if a person deliberately threw another into the water and the body was not found, otherwise one could murder with impunity.

The women, he said, was not bound to satisfy the jury that she was innocent; the prosecution had to prove that she was guilty.

Matthews, who had been supported in the dock by wardresses, was discharged.

SHALL WOMEN BE PREACHERS?

FOUR BISHOPS ON A COMMISSION.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have appointed a commission of bishops, clergy and laity—of whom four are women—to consider the Ministries of Women in the Church. The members include:

Bishop of Carlisle (chairman);
Bishops of Rochester, Blackburn and Middlesbrough;
Dr. W. R. Matthews;
Archdeacon of Auckland (Dr. A. E. J. Rawlinson);
Canon L. W. Grented (Oriental Professor of the Philosophy of Religion, Oxford);
Canon J. K. Mozley;
Mr. Cyril Bailey (Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford);
Deaconess Wordsworth;
Lady Hoskyns;
Miss Christine Burrows, and
Miss Dorothy Swaine.

Anglican opinion on the Ministry of Women is at present divided, and the clergy are against any suggestion of their receiving ordination. The Lambeth Conference of 1920 laid its plans for the restoration of the Order of Deaconesses, but the Lambeth Conference of 1930 had to confess that these hopes "had been but meagrely fulfilled."

The bishops admit that many women to-day hardly regard the service of the Church as a possible sphere for their gifts and capacities; commerce, politics, medicine, law, education, and other careers attract them instead.

Miss Maude Royden, the outstanding woman preacher of the present day, is outside the Church of England in her ministry at the Fellowship Church, Eccleston-square, because Anglicans refuse to admit women to ordination.

MALTA ARRESTS.

CHARGES BY MOUNTED POLICE.

Malta, Feb. 29.
Arrests were made to-day after an organised Nationalist mass meeting, at which between 5,000 and 6,000 were present, had ended in disorder.

Mounted police made several charges and there was considerable stonethrowing.

The Nationalists passed a resolution demanding the dismissal of the present Ministers of the Crown and the restoration of the unamended constitution of 1921.

The resolution also demanded, in protest against the recommendations of the Royal Commission, that the Italian language should not be eliminated from the elementary schools and that Maltese should be used in the law court.

The crowd was by no means unanimous and the strong opposition that showed itself led to the intervention of the police.

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